

Prelude: *Variations on "Kum ba yah"* (John Benkhe)

1. Someone's Praying, Lord    2. Someone's Crying, Lord    3. Someone's Singing, Lord

Welcome

**Call to Worship**

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

***Jesus also said to the people, and He says to us even today,  
"You are the light of the world."***

"A Town build on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

***"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."***

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 3: ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon

Jesse Fink

Songs of Adoration: ***Love Come Down; Greater Than***

Ministry in Music: *Scars*

Prayer of Confession

Our heavenly Father, in these difficult times, we have a tendency to be more self-absorbed than we normally are. Too often we think only of our own restrictions and inconveniences and give little thought to others who suffer far more than we. We take for granted the privileges we enjoy and overlook the systemic oppression of many whose privileges are minimal or non-existent. O Lord, forgive us and set us free from our obsession with self-interest. And in the promise of your forgiving grace, make us followers who desire to love you and who desire to love others through the presence and mercy of Jesus Christ, of whom the scriptures declare: *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen.*

Time of Prayer

*Please feel free sit, stand, or kneel as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.*

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.    ***All: Thanks be to God!***

Hymn of Preparation 65: ***This is My Father's World***

Sermon: **What is the Tension of the Kingdom?**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song of Response: ***Great I Am***

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Eileen Jacoby

Music Ministry Team:

Andrew Silbert, guitar & vocals; Kristen Sanasith, vocals;  
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Bekah Brennan, keyboard & vocals; Alison Young Reusser, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Our worship continues to be centered in the resurrection of Jesus Christ—the cornerstone of our faith. As resurrection people we celebrate the victory that is ours in Christ and we offer our lives in gratitude for his love and mercy.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER VIGIL:** Once again this week, you are invited to add your prayers to those of others during our 24-hour Prayer Vigil (Wednesday, 6:30pm – Thursday, 6:30pm). You are encouraged to reserve a time or times on the church website prayer page. Resources are available at <https://www.hwchurch.org/prayer/>

**THURSDAY WORSHIP:** Judy Congdon will present a program of organ music beginning at 6:30pm. You may access the gathering through the regular streaming venues.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Pastor Cindy will be preaching, “God is Enough,” from Psalm 73. Join us for online worship 10:00 a.m.

**STEWARDSHIP**      Received (June 1–Present): \$762,697.56      Budgeted (June 1–Present): \$773,376.50

**STAYING CONNECTED:** During this unusual time, we want to stay as connected to you as possible. Pastor Wes is sending out a weekly letter on Tuesdays and video on Thursdays. Both are distributed through email and text, and may be accessed on the church website ([hwchurch.org](http://hwchurch.org)) and Facebook pages. If you are not receiving these communications and would like to do so, please send your contact information to [office@hwchurch.org](mailto:office@hwchurch.org).

**JUNE 7 VOTE:** All Covenant Members are invited to vote on leadership and the Community Financial Plan. This year’s voting will take place by mail-in ballots and online. More information related to the voting will be sent to you in the coming weeks. [HERE](#) is a link to Nominee Booklet that includes the proposed Community Financial Plan.

**MISSION MOMENT** – Wesleyan Church leaders in Sri Lanka, Cedric and Sharlini Rodrigo praise God for the ability to conduct Sunday services and Bible studies via Zoom and YouTube and for the church people who are all well and not going hungry. They are grateful that global partners who have helped share with people in need, but also for the relatively small number of COVID patients compared to other countries. Prayer Requests: Pray for comfort over Cedric’s father’s death - not COVID related. Finally pray for the curfew and lockdown to be lifted soon and for safety and strength to help Cedric meet the needs of the church people.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Reports from India explain that in rural areas especially persecution of Christians has increased during the Covid19 lockdown. Some areas place strict orders on leaving homes and some are combating severe economic and hunger issues because of added opposition and hatred for Christians. We pray for God’s protection and provision in India and many other parts of the world.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for families who feel the grief of loss on this family day and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Paulette Schierer, Marge Watson, Wendy Ott, Lia, Victoria, and Evan O’Gorman, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore’s father), Karen Szymanski, Cindy Lastoria, Leonard Watson, Mark Mayhle (Doug’s brother), Ruby Schierer Williams, Elly Plaza (Alejandra Koch’s sister), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, The Marsh Family, Jon Retz, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor’s cousin), Bob Brown, Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Bethie Liddick, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Eila Shea, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen’s daughter-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter; for all effected by the coronavirus—grieving, ill, healthcare professionals, the workforce at risk and leaders; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our government; for the St. Mark’s Roman Catholic Church, Rushford (Father Dennis Mancuso).