

Prelude: *Variations on "Veni Creator Spiritus"* (Maurice Duruflé)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 335: ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon

Emily Spateholts

Songs of Adoration: ***Song of My Heart; Holy Spirit, You are Welcome***

Ministry in Music: *I Know* (Coward, Bentley, Weaver)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we are often hesitant to love you. You call, but we are often hesitant to listen. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We subtly ignore evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who has promised that if we confess our sins, he will indeed forgive us our sins. Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Song of Response: ***I Love You, Lord***

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-13

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

Hymn of Preparation 197: ***Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart***

Sermon: **The Abundance of Pentecost**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song of Response: ***Holy Spirit***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Margarita Cooley

Music Ministry Team:

Austen Kewin, guitar & vocals; Hannah Roeske, vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Bekah Brennan, keyboard & vocals; Alison Young Reusser, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. On this Sunday when we celebrate the miraculous revelation of the Holy Spirit and of the birth of the church, we worship with grateful hearts. Though we worship in different places, we give thanks that the Spirit unites us in the grace and truth of Jesus.

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). We are asking for particular prayers for the Task Force working on our plan for reopening in the coming months.

THURSDAY WORSHIP: Amanda Cox will lead a time of worship music this Thursday, June 4, 6:30pm. You may access the gathering through the regular streaming venues.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: June 7th is Trinity Sunday. Pastor Paul will speak on Matthew 28:16-20 and Luke 24:45-49, “On a Trinity Mission!” We gather for worship online at 10:00 a.m.

JUNE 7 VOTE: All 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. On May 29 we mailed paper ballots to those who requested them and sent out online links by email and text. [CLICK HERE](#) for information on people nominated and a summary of the Community Financial Plan. Call the office (567-2264) if you prefer a paper ballot.

VALLEY PRESCHOOL: Though we can't know for sure what the fall looks like yet, the Valley Preschool team is starting to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year. Valley Preschool meets three mornings a week at the Church and is a great introduction for children to school with plenty of hands-on lessons and social interaction with peers. If you have or know of a 3-5 year old who might be interested in preschool, we invite you to fill out an application today; these are available on Facebook, the [website](#), at the Church office or by contacting Casda Danner or Emily Spateholts. The small application fee will go up on June 1st.

STEWARDSHIP Received (June 1–Present): \$791,558.15 Budgeted (June 1-Present): \$804,311.56

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) 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.

MISSION MOMENT – We keep praying for our missionary family around the globe. Special prayers go out today for church planter, Chris George, in Perth. The Georges visited HWC in January just before returning to Australia. Last week he was hospitalized and treated for a serious infection. Now home, he needs God’s continued healing while at the same time he and wife, Melissa, rejoice over God working very clearly in the community they serve in recent days.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Pray for Christian pastors and leaders to seek God’s wisdom in guiding their flocks during the Covid-19 crisis. In some places Christians are seen as opposing government restrictions. Recently a pastor in Myanmar was arrested for holding services where a cluster of 67 infections was spread. May even oppressed Christians be salt and light in their situations.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Margaret Broman (Betsy Webb’s mother), Paulette Schierer, 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 Angelica United Methodist Church, Angelica (Pastor Stephen Crowell).