

Prelude: *Paeon* (Hymn of Praise) by Robert Lau

Welcome

Call to Worship

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ***For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.***

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 87: *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Choral Anthem: *Till and Tend My Heart* (recorded 2019)

Children's Sermon

Songs of Adoration: *My Lighthouse; Do it Again*

Ministry in Music: *When My Heart is Torn Asunder*

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, open our eyes to the truth of our frailty and fallibility. Give us courage to admit when we are wrong and courage to seek forgiveness from those who have been hurt by our sinful ways. Forgive our stubbornness, our arrogance and our apathy toward others. Fill us with the grace and truth of Your Holy Spirit that we might think, see and act more like Christ from whom we experience forgiveness and through whom we pray. Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 20

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

Hymn of Preparation 71: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion: *Sons and Daughters*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon Scripture Reader: Paul Mills

Music Ministry Team:

Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Austen Kewin, vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Jan Schilke, keyboard

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist proclaims, “The LORD is king! He is robed in majesty. Indeed, the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world is firmly established; it cannot be shaken” (93:1, NLT). We come together today to worship the Lord who is king and sovereign over all the earth through the resurrection of Christ.

THURSDAY WORSHIP: Amanda Cox will lead a time of worship music this Thursday, May 7, 6:30pm. You may access the gathering through the regular streaming venues.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Wes leads us to think about the grace of the kingdom (Ezekiel 37). Join us for online worship 10:00 a.m.

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.

WEEKLY 24-HR PRAYER VIGIL: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. sign up for 15 minutes. Sign up [here](#). Resources are available at <https://www.hwchurch.org/prayer/>

STEWARDSHIP Received (June 1–Present): \$726,931.69 Budgeted (June 1–Present): \$742,441.44

YOUTH GROUP: Houghton/Fillmore Wesleyan Church Online Youth Group is hosting a Zoom meeting every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Jon will make a link available prior to the gathering.

MISSION MOMENT – Around the globe, our Global Partner churches have been sharing food to those who have lost jobs and mobility during national shut downs. (This week we’ve heard first hand from Croatia, Poland, Nigeria, Chad, Peru, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, India, Myanmar, Pakistan and Nepal!) Along with material blessings they have been sharing the Good News. We have a small part in nearly \$200,000 in donations from sister churches. It is wonderful to be part of a global network of caring believers. We pray for those in the least known corners to be filled with Christ’s peace and compassion.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Let us keep our brothers and sisters in North Korea in prayer during these uncertain days. We pray for freedom to worship without fear. May God bring revival to the whole Korean peninsula, once-on-fire spiritually. Thank God for the witness of Korean missionaries around the world. May their brothers and sister in the north know security and peace.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Karl and Jill Schmidt and their family at the death of their expected grandson and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: 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), Paulette Schierer, 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, for healthcare professionals and for leaders helping the world navigate it; 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. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Belfast (Father Dennis Mancuso).