

Prelude: *Lord, I Want to Be A Christian* (Dennis Janzer)

Welcome

Call to Worship (from 1 Chronicles 16)

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 1: ***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: 6th Grade Catechism Recognition

Children's Sermon

Sarah Derck

Songs of Adoration: ***Lord, You are Good; Even So, Come***

Ministry in Music: *Kyrie Eleison* (Ted Kim and Cindy Rethmeier)

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned.

We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows.

**We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us
because we have grown used to them.**

**We confess our sins as a church—hesitating to love one another,
to forgive one another, to give ourselves to one another**

**like Christ. Father, forgive us. Send the Holy Spirit upon us as you did your disciples,
that he may give us power**

to live as you have called us to live.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 7

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

Hymn of Preparation 503: ***Thou, Whose Purpose is to Kindle***

Sermon: **Whose Side Are We On?**

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion: ***Father, We Have Sinned; Lord, I Need You***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Anna Huizenga

Music Ministry Team:

Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Kristen Sanasith, vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Bekah Brennan, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Worship is a privilege that allows us to acknowledge the glory of God, to hear God speak into our community, to commit ourselves to one another in love, to affirm that God is our loving, merciful heavenly Father. In our worship today, may God help us turn our attention to Him with all of heart, soul, mind and strength.

ELECTION RESULTS: [HERE](#) are the results of last week's election.

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: We are hosting a program of music by our organist Judy Congdon. You may access the program at 6:30pm through the regular streaming venues.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Dr. Ken Schenck will be preaching. We gather for worship online at 10:00 a.m.

ODENS ON VACATION: Pastors Wes and Cindy will be on vacation the next two weeks. While they are gone, we will publish a weekly letter but Pastor Wes will not be sending out a weekly video.

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.

REOPENING SURVEY: The Reopening Task Force has created a survey to assist in decision-making related to resuming worship and ministries in the church building. Click [HERE](#) to access the survey. We are asking that you complete one survey for your family unit. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the church office.

STEWARDSHIP Received (June 1–Present): \$19,789.00 Budgeted (June 1-Present): \$15,764.98

MISSION MOMENT – HWC has shared with Global Partner's COVID-19 response and Dennis Jackson, of GP writes: "Through our collective participation in the response fund, \$219,000 has been given. I've never seen the global church stand so strongly together. The need has been greater than anticipated but the giving has been likewise. Praise God."

PERSECUTED CHURCH – COVID-19 has seriously impacted the war-torn nation of Yemen. Christians are a persecuted minority but reports coming from them are that the pandemic has brought them closer to Jesus. One writes, "Even in light of the difficult conditions we're facing, we feel that the Lord Jesus is with us. We feel His mercy and closeness to us. A lot of people complain about emptiness and boredom because of the need to stay at home more, but I've found it to be a valuable opportunity to pray, draw closer to God, and feel the affection of His hand outstretched to His children." Pray for believers in Yemen.

PRAYER CONCERNS: For the family of Joyce Munro who died this week and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Robert Stalker, Grace Taylor, Wendy Ott, Chelsea Ellis, Paulette Schierer, 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 Hunt Baptist Church (Pastor Jerry Feulmer).