

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude on "Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist"* BuxWV 208 (Dieterich Buxtehude)

Welcome

**Call to Worship** (from 1 Peter 1)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

***In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.***

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

***In all this we greatly rejoice, though now for a little while we may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.***

These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ***Though we have not seen him, we love him; and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for we are receiving the end result of our faith, the salvation of our souls.***

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 18: ***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sunday School

Children's Sermon  
Emily Spateholts

Songs of Adoration: ***Living Hope; Build My Life***

Ministry in Music: *Good to Me* (Audrey Assad)

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small.**

**We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.**

**Return us to paths of righteousness and fill us with your joy and love through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:11-32

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

Hymn of Preparation 49: ***Children of the Heavenly Father***

Sermon: **The Prodigal Parent**  
Dr. Ken Schenck

Song of Response: ***Sons and Daughters***

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Jessica Romance

Music Ministry Team:

Mike Cox & Hannah Roeske, vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Bekah Brennan, keyboard & vocals; Simon Sardina. cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The Psalmist writes, “Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom” (145:3). We gather for worship today to proclaim once again that God is great and to offer him our highest praise. As we worship this morning, let us open our hearts and minds to him in praise, adoration and celebration for who he is and for all that he has done.

**GUEST PREACHER:** Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Ken Schenck as our guest preacher. Dr. Schenck is Vice President for Planning and Innovation at Houghton College.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** the Rev. Dr. Sarah Derck will be preaching.

**THURSDAY, June 25 at 6:30 p.m.,** our Time of Worship will present *Classic Clips* from our archives.

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

**STEWARDSHIP** Received (June 1–Present): \$34,073.70    Budgeted (June 1–Present): \$31,529.96

**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.

**SUBSCRIBE HERE to our Youtube Channel** and you won't miss a Children's Sermon, Weekly Update, or Special Music.

**BOB CUMMINGS:** Funeral Service: June 27, 3:00 p.m. at Kople Williams Funeral Home

Burial Service: June 29, 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery

(the funeral service and burial service are open to the public but will also be live-streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/KopleWilliamsFuneralHome/> )

**MISSION MOMENT:** Who are our missionaries training linguists and more for Bible Translation? You'd be right if you said Steve and Margie Doty and Rod and Ellen Casali. Rod continues to teach at Canada Institute of Linguistics (CanIL) in British Columbia. This summer around 100 students are participating in the summer program. Pray for the over 40 graduates with BAs and MAs in 2020 preparing to serve in some stage of Bible Translation. Click on [LINK](#) for a first hand report. Next week: Steve and Margie Doty, our other Linguists training students in S.E. Asia.

**THE PERSECUTED CHURCH:** Pray for workers in Northern Benin Ben and Christine Hegeman's area of ministry to pastors) striving to win local Fulani herders to Christ. The needs are critical in this region of the world where outsider jihadist have been capitalizing on inter-ethnic rivalries and Christians are often caught in the conflict. On May 29-30, 48 people (most Christians) were ambushed and killed in neighboring Burkina Faso.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** For the family and friends of Vivian Robbins-Baptista, Barb Bates' and Jane Miner's mom who died Tuesday, June 16, and for the family and friends of Bob Cummings who died June 13 and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Robert Stalker, Grace Taylor, Wendy Ott, Chelsea Ellis, Paulette Schierer, 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 Belmont Gospel Fellowship Church (Pastor Patrick Lyons).