

Prelude: *Prelude in D major* (J.K.F. Fischer)

Welcome

Call to Worship (from Psalm 47)

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

***The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham,
for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.***

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 41: ***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Emily Spateholts

Songs of Adoration: ***Remember; I Will Wait for You; Be Still and Know***

Ministry in Music: *You Already Know* (JJ Heller)

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in repentance, and to bow to one another in forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together with all of our brothers and sisters in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen. (UMC Book of Worship)

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Genesis 22:1-14

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

Hymn of Preparation 390: ***Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us***

Sermon: **Testing by Sacrifice?**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Derck

Song of Response: ***We Wait in Hope***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Andrew Oden

Music Ministry Team:

Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Sarah Sardina, vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Chris Sardina, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Each day we face the struggles of living in a fallen world and are acutely aware of the need for God's presence and help. God promises His presence in each of our lives. We gather today to remember all that God has done and all that He has promised to do and to worship Him for who He is.

GUEST PREACHER: Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Sarah Derck as our guest preacher. Dr. Derck is Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Chair of the Biblical Studies, Theology, Philosophy Department at Houghton College.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING the Pastor Wes will preach from Psalm 29.

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF WORSHIP on Thursday, July 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

ODENS ON VACATION: Pastors Wes and Cindy are on vacation today. They return tomorrow.

STEWARDSHIP Received (June 1–Present): \$47,795.25 Budgeted (June 1–Present): \$47,294.94

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 (567-2264).

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

BOB CUMMINGS: Burial Service: June 29, 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery
(the burial service will be live-streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/KoplerWilliamsFuneralHome/>)

MISSION MOMENT – Steve and Margie Doty report that Steve is currently leading a workshop (using Zoom and email) to train 28 new Bible Translation Consultants, mostly in Asia. They've been enjoying teaching some linguistics at the college this year as volunteers, getting to know students and encouraging them to think about serving the Lord cross-culturally. They are currently on home assignment (aka furlough) and hope to be able to report in person to their partnering churches and supporters once the Covid situation eases up.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – May Christ, the Head of His Body, the Church, be ever present and listened to as Lord by Christian leaders of churches and governments across the globe. May His wisdom guide all those in authority as they influence communities and nations in their response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Bill Calkins, 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 Elijah 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 United Methodist Church (Pastor Jean Smith).