

Prelude: *Wir glauben all' an einen Gott*, BWV 680 (J. S. Bach)
("We all believe in but one God"-- Luther's hymn based on the Creed)

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 467: ***Christ is Made the Sure Foundation***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon
Andrew Silbert

Songs of Adoration: ***O How Good it Is; Death Was Arrested***

Ministry in Music: *If We're Honest* (Battistelli)

Prayer of Confession

Oh Lord our God, who calls your disciples to shine your light in a dark world, with shame and contrition of heart do we acknowledge before you our many faults and weaknesses in being your church to this generation.

Forgive us for the feebleness of our witness, the smallness of our charity, and the slackness of our zeal.

Make us to be more worthy followers of Him who came that all might know abundant life in you, caring for the poor and oppressed, never seeing disease without seeking to heal it or any kind of human need without turning aside to help.

As you forgive us, make us more like Christ. Amen. —adapted from A Diary of Private Prayer

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 19:13-15

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

Hymn of Preparation 472: ***Christ from Whom all Blessings Flow*** (6 verses)

Sermon: **Follow the Kids to the Kingdom**

Rev. Dr. J.L. Miller

Song of Response: ***Let Us Consider***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Calvin Schierer

Music Ministry Team:

Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Jeff Babbitt, vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Simon Sardina, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Though we come to this time of worship from a variety of circumstances and situations, we come together on this summer Sunday morning for the purpose of giving thanks to God through our Lord Jesus Christ and to receive his word to us. During this hour may you sense God's grace, mercy and word upon your life.

GUEST PREACHER: Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. J. L. Miller as our guest preacher. J. L. is Director of Campus Ministries and Adjunct Professor of Youth Ministry at Houghton College.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for online worship at 10:00. The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Case will be preaching.

REOPENING INFORMATION: We continue to prepare for our worship reopening Sunday, August 2 with services at 8:30 and 10:30. Reservations will be required so that we do not have to turn away people at the door once we reach capacity. Seats will be assigned. Masks and social distancing will be required. Not only will these measures provide protection, but they will also enable us to sing together. We are making plans for appropriate cleaning between services. Both services will be streamed, and we are working hard to maintain the same level of quality in our streaming. Even though we would love to see everyone, please use discretion in making your decision about coming to worship in the building. We are planning a couple of rehearsals prior to August 2. **The first rehearsal will be this Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30pm.** If you are planning to come for worship on August 2, and are interested in attending the rehearsal, please reserve a spot for the practice by clicking [HERE](#). If you try to sign up and are unable to do so, that means we have all 16 spots covered. We are planning to do another rehearsal prior to the August 2 reopening.

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF ORGAN WORSHIP MUSIC on Thursday, July 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP Received (June 1–Present): \$79,289.92

Budgeted (June 1-Present): \$78,824.90

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

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.

MISSION MOMENT - How could missionaries be involved in the virus response? Joel and Barbara Trudell, in South Africa, report that SIL is helping to provide pandemic instruction booklets and materials in multiple languages for the region. They also model good personal and office safety practices. Meanwhile Wycliffe/SIL is awaiting donor response to a major childhood educational proposal for up to six language groups in Southern Sudan refugee camps. Pray for success.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - Pray for an Indian widow and two children to remain safe in hiding and remain faithful under extreme circumstances after the brutal murder by villagers and relatives of her husband a month ago for his stalwart faith in Christ. She proclaims, "I will live for Jesus and die for Jesus, but I will never turn back." (Open Doors USA)

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Tobias Webb, 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, 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 Haven of Rest Fellowship, Black Creek (Pastor Howard Lockwood).