

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 24, 2021

10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (Johann Gottfried Walther)
Our Father Who Art in Heaven (Johann Krieger)
Andante sostenuto (Robert Lau)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 63: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Margarita Cooley

Songs of Adoration: *Christ is Risen; Death Was Arrested; I Will Lift My Eyes*

Prayer of Confession

God, you are reconciling all things to Yourself. By entering our world, you revealed the depths of your love to us; in Your coming You gave us life and called us Your children. You have been faithful to us, but we confess that we have not been faithful to You. You want to transform us into new creations, but we are content with the old. You want to take us to new depths, but we have settled for the surface. You have set us free, but we hold on to the chains of our past. Forgive us, Lord, for our sins: those we confess, those we hide; the sins we ignore and justify, and those against our neighbor. Help us to live as citizens of Your Kingdom so that the world sees Your glory and Your love. Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

New Testament Reading: Mark 1:21-34

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

Hymn 65: *This is My Father's World*

Sermon: **What Does It Mean that Jesus is Lord?**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *You are God Alone*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Sharon Johnson

Music Ministry Team:

Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Benjamin Caleb Towers born on January 4, 2021 to Cristy and Jason Towers and older brothers, Cooper and Wesley.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Life is a maze of ups and downs, of joys and sorrows. In the midst of our lives, we live with confidence that Jesus is Lord and that this truth is the bedrock of how we live. In our worship today, may God open our eyes to the power and grace of Jesus for us and for the whole world.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for online worship at 10:00. Pastor Wes will preach from Mark 1:29-39 pondering the idea of *Living for Christ in the Everyday*.

STONE SOUP DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR VALLEY PRESCHOOL: Friday, January 29, 2021, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm.

This drive through event raises funds for VPS scholarships. If you are interested in reserving your meal, contact Casda Danner (casdadanner@hwchurch.org) or [use the order form](#).

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

- Youth group will resume this Sunday, January 24 in the church gym with social distancing protocols in place. Jr high 3-4pm and Sr High 5-6pm. Also look for links in your email to two events:
- Zoom Sunday School - 9am Sunday morning – We are talking about, "The Littles" where we'll take a look at the smallest books in the Bible!
- Please Email Pastor Jon (joncole@hwchurch.org) if you don't receive the links.

SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP: Are you missing interaction with others around the Word during the pandemic? Some groups are meeting via Zoom and plans are percolating for more venues in the weeks ahead. Discipleship and accountability take as few as two or three partners. Pastor Paul urges you to contact him (paulshea@hwchurch.org) to discuss resources if you are meeting or wish to meet with others as we travel through the “bleak mid-winter!”

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$504,479.36 / Budget Received: \$486,675.83

MISSION MOMENT – How to translate the Bible in a new language from scratch?! We are tracking the process with our worker, Leah, in S. E. Asia. She asks prayer for ongoing language learning with her new language helper. A development project has been approved enabling her presence with the Oby people. See more details in our monthly **Mission Mailbag**. Contact Donna.dean.zoller@gmail.com to be added to the list.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – You’d think increased persecution and Covid-19 would hinder church growth in India. Instead, one group reports that specific prayer and follow-up while under lockdown resulted in 100,000 conversions to Christ. New house churches and other expansion has exceeded pre-Covid rates. We pray for these bold and creative Christians in India. Mission Network News. www.mnnonline.org

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Carol Castor and her family at the death of her mother, Margaret Tuttle, for John Roederer and family at the death of his mother and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Ruth Miller, Lenore Paige, Doyin and Josie Adenuga, Kathy Moore, Gary Heil (Janet Stegen’s brother), Amy Ortiz (Luke Ogden’s sister), Nate Esh, Sarah Gurley, Grace Taylor, Wendy Ott, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore’s father), Karen Szymanski, Cindy Lastoria, Mark Mayhle (Doug’s brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor’s cousin), Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, 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 and for our response to the recent elections; for the Faith Baptist Church, Wellsville (Pastor Vernon Dean).

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