

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

JANUARY 31, 2021

10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* (arr. Paul Manz)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.

We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away.

But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free! Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 273: ***And Can it Be?***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Jess Wartinger

Songs of Adoration: ***Living Hope; Your Great Name; Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)***

Time of Prayer

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

New Testament Reading: Mark 1:29-39

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

Hymn 103: ***I Will Sing the Wondrous Story***

Sermon: **What Does it Look Like to Live in Kingdom Freedom?**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***All I Have is Christ***

Benediction

Organist: Nicholas Liddick

Scripture Reader: Pastor Jon Cole

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Evelyn Cox, vocals

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Lucy Raphaella Giannini born on December 20, 2020, to Heidi and John and older sister, Gloria.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The 23rd Psalm describes God as the shepherd of his people. Jesus declares that he is the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep. As we worship today, we remember that God promises to care for all that he has made and in response, we worship him.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for online worship at 10:00. Pastor Cindy will preach from Deuteronomy 8:2, *Living in the Wilderness*.

KIDS' CLUB has started. Parents may contact annmneill@hwchurch.org to put their 5 to 12-year-olds on the roster. Everyone from Kids' Club past will receive a printed packet of Sunday school materials. With Miss Ann and the team, kids will review that Sunday's lesson, practice the verse using American Sign Language, and praise the Lord. Zoom invitations have been emailed, so if you haven't received one, let Ann know quickly. Kids' Club - If you would like a Zoom invitation to join Kids' Club, email annmneill@hwchurch.org. She will host two classes this week - Wednesday at 6:30 and Friday afternoon at 3:30. Hope to see you in either session!

YOUTH GROUP MEETS SUNDAY in the church gym with social distancing protocols in place. Jr high 3-4 pm and Sr High 5-6pm. Also look for links in your email to two events: Wednesday evening Zoom Check-in, 7pm - No program, just hangout! 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: \$536,009.32 / Budget Received: \$520,821.56

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, SPECIAL MUSIC: A PROGRAM OF SACRED WORKS BY JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH will be presented by Dr. Judy Congdon beginning at 6:30 p.m. It will be streamed [from the website](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

MISSION MOMENT - Drs. Romy and Linda have had to alter location in the light of Covid-19, but remain active in mentoring health global health workers with distance learning technology. Opportunities to connect with their adult children (both in medical training and careers) and extended family have enriched 2020. Pray for continued open doors to connect with health ministries across Africa and Asia.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - Persecution in some way is the normal experience of every Christian (2 Timothy 3:13). While we don't seek it, it shouldn't surprise us. Yet, the level of opposition in N. America dims compared to threats to property and life itself for many believers. Leaving self-pity behind, we pray for those who today are forbidden to publicly lift up the Name of Jesus.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Tim McGarvey and family at the death of his mother and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Karen Gaerte, Lenore Paige, Doyin and Josie Adenuga, Kathy Moore, Gary Heil (Janet Stegen's brother), Amy Ortiz (Luke Ogden's sister), Sarah Gurley, Grace Taylor, Wendy Ott, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), 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 Hallsport Christian Church (Pastor Mike Brady).