

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 7, 2021
10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Amazing Grace* (arr. Craig Phillips)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 404: *How Firm a Foundation*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Kevin and Cindy Austin

Children's Sermon: Beth Beardsley

Songs of Adoration: *Desert Song; Good to Me*

Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, Lord, what we are: we are not the people we like others to think we are; we are afraid to admit even to ourselves what lies in the depths of our souls. We do not, however, want to hide our true selves from you. We believe that you know us as we are, and you still love us. Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge; teach us to love ourselves for your sake; give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power. Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt and fear and take us into the freedom and energy of forgiven people. And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask that you would break our bondage and set us free. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-9

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

Hymn 381: *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

Sermon: **Living in the Wilderness**

Pastor Cindy Oden

Song: *It is Well*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Pastor Paul Shea

Music Ministry Team:

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

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. We worship each week to focus our attention on God, to give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ and open our lives to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. May God do more today than we might dream or imagine.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING is our annual missions emphasis. Dr. Myron Glick, Director of Jericho Road Ministries in Buffalo will preach. The service will be streamed at 10:00am through the regular channels.

GLOBAL MISSIONS FOCUS: be sure to catch reports and challenges from Kevin and Cindy Austin in Czech Republic today and on February 21 and from Dr. Myron Glick from Jericho Road Health Centers in Buffalo next Sunday. Also mark your calendar for a live streamed special report from Buffalo ministries hosted by Steve and Ruth Strand, Thursday February 18, 6:30 p.m.

JANUARY KIDS' CLUB NEWS: The Gospel Mission - Kids' Club Zoom and Kids' Club Study Care will focus on the ministry of Jesus in caring for people through healing and sharing the Good News. Contact <mailto:annmcneill@hwchurch.org> for more information.

HWC Kids Sunday School: Our February HWC Kids Sunday School series, "Challenge Accepted," starts this Sunday. Over the next four weeks we will be learning important lessons from the ministry of Jesus such as "Jesus takes care of me, Jesus shows me the truth, Jesus helps me when I'm tempted, and Jesus understands my challenges." If you need printed materials sent to you along with the email and Facebook resources, let Ann (annmcneill@hwchurch.org) or Emily (emilyspateholts@hwchurch.org) know.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS: Youth group meets this Sunday 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: 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: \$551,774.30 / Budget Received: \$527,938.53

MISSION MOMENT - Anthony Petrillo reports an initiative from TEN3's Nigeria director to make audio versions of their Bible course available. The impact is high and demand is rising for this fruit bearing material. We pray for the seeds of the Gospel to spread deep and wide producing a large harvest.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - Let us join many Christian immigrants and refugees who are burdened for their people back in Myanmar during this time of political upheaval. With minority tribes facing continued oppression and the recent military coup we pray that Christians remain strong in faith and witness.

PRAYER CONCERNS: 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 Presbyterian Church of Wellsville (Pastor Tom Kristoffersen).