

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

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Prelude: *O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde gross*, BWV 622 (J.S. Bach)  
(O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sins)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 288: *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Ministry Moment: Kevin and Cindy Austin

Children's Sermon: Emily Spateholts

Songs of Adoration: *Light of the World; Champion; Great I Am*

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: John 18:1-11

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

Hymn 86: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Sermon: **Looking For Jesus**

Pastor Wes Oden

***Communion***

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Debbie Young

Music Ministry Team:

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

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The season of Lent is designed by the ancient church fathers as a means of reminding Christ's disciples that the passion, suffering and death of Christ are central to our faith. Though this is a solemn season in which we contemplate our sin, it is also a season to give thanks that Jesus goes to the cross to redeem all of creation.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** is the Second Sunday in Lent. Pastor Wes will lead us to think about Jesus's declaration that he did not lose any of his followers that the Father gave him (John 18:1-9). We will worship through streaming at 10:00 a.m. and outdoors at 11:15 a.m.

**KIDS' CLUB** is learning how dearly Jesus cares for us and teaches us. If your children would like to join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 or Fridays at 3:30, contact [annmcneill@hwchurch.org](mailto:annmcneill@hwchurch.org). Come "GROW" with Kids' Club Virtual.

**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! Bring your own popcorn. :)
- 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](mailto:joncole@hwchurch.org)) if you don't receive the links.

**STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed:** \$583,304.26 / **Budget Received:** \$561,229.73

**MISSION MOMENT** – This week we have heard from Steve and Ruth Strand of Urban Advocacy, Buffalo. They have been mentoring and encouraging young churches and wearing other hats at HC Buffalo, and JRCHC. We pray for God to encourage all ministries in His Name in that city.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – “Uncertainty” is the word for believers in Myanmar in the wake of the February 1 military coup. Our Wesleyan friends have a health clinic, schools and churches. We pray for communications, safety, and especially peace so that believers can comfort others with the love of Christ.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Karen Gaerte, Lenore Paige, 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 Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Wellsville (Pastor Carl Knitter).