

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 2021
10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Wondrous Love* (arr. Craig Phillips)

Welcome

Call to Worship (from Ephesians 3)

We kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

We pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen us with power through his Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith.

And I pray that each of us, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 76: ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Emily Spatcholts

Songs of Adoration: ***My Hope is in You; Jesus Paid it All***

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 49: ***Children of the Heavenly Father***

Sermon: **When the Church Feels Threatened**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Sons and Daughters***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Janyce Smithley

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Matt Cox, 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 be our Redeemer and the Redeemer of all people and to call us to be agents of his redemption for others.

THURSDAY: Lenten Organ Meditation by Dr. Judy Congdon begins streaming at 6:30 p.m..

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING is the Third Sunday in Lent. Pastor Wes continues to lead us to ponder the words of Jesus as he moves toward the cross. Next Sunday focuses on Jesus's words to Peter about the sword and the cup (John 18:11). We will stream worship at 10:00 a.m. and we will meet in the parking lot for worship at 11:15 a.m.

SMZ! Something new next Sunday. Sunday Morning Zoom, 9:00 a.m. on Zoom. March 7 hear and interact with Stacia from Eastern Europe. Contact Paul Shea for Zoom Link. paulshea@hwchurch.org

HWC Kids

- Everyone is invited to join the HWC Kids Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HWChurchkids> to see what our children's ministry is up to, receive weekly lesson information, find encouragement and resources for families, and participate in discussions and polls (coming soon!)
- 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 annmneill@hwchurch.org. Come "GROW" with Kids' Club Virtual.

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: \$ 599,069.24 / **Budget Received:** \$ 582,130.54

MISSION MOMENT - World Hope has several learning centers to help local people improve their study, computer and even English skills in closed European and Asian sites. Let us pray for great relationships to be born so seeds of the Gospel can be planted. Hear Stacia from one of these next Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - We join in prayer and hope that the 50-100,000 Protestant Christians in Algeria can reopen the dozens of churches that were closed by the government in recent years. International pressure is forcing the issue into the news. These mostly non-Arab indigenous folks in the Atlas Mt. region are trusting God for answers. (CTNews 2/22)

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Jeanne Stewart and her family at the death of her mother last week and 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 Elijah 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 Shongo Country Chapel, Wellsville (Pastor Lewis Mericle).