

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The season of Lent is an historic time for reflection, repentance and surrender in the shadow of the cross as we prepare ourselves, individually and corporately, for the death and resurrection of Christ. As we reflect on our sin and on God's grace through Jesus Christ, let us contemplate our response to Jesus our Redeemer.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** is the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Pastor Wes continues to lead us into thoughts about the words of Jesus as he makes his way to the cross. Next week we will ponder Jesus' interaction with Annas (John 18:19-24), *The Un-Hiddenness of Jesus*. We will stream worship at 10:00 a.m. and gather in the church parking lot for outdoor worship at 11:15 a.m.

**SMZ (SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM), 9:00-9:50 A.M.** Next Sunday morning will be open screen for brief testimonies, maybe yours included, of God's faithfulness during the last 12 months. If you would like to join in, please email Pastor Shea (paulshea@hwchurch.org) and he will send a Zoom Link.

**TIME CHANGE:** Just a reminder that we turn our clocks ahead next Sunday.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS:** Please Email Pastor Jon (joncole@hwchurch.org) if you need zoom links for any event.

- Youth group meets this Sunday in the church gym with social distancing protocols in place. Jr high 3-4pm and Sr High 5-6pm.
- Wednesday evening Zoom Check-in, 7pm - No program, just hangout!
- Zoom Sunday School this week, Mar 7 at 9am with Nahum! Feel free to read ahead!

### **HWC Kids**

- The new March Sunday School series, Blueprints, begins this Sunday. Through the life of Jesus, we're going to find out that God's plans are perfect, love is the foundation of God's plans, that Jesus said yes to God's plans, and most of all that we are included in God's plans. This month's memory verse, Jeremiah 29:11, is the foundation on which all of these lessons are built! Join us!
- Kids' Club is celebrating God's goodness during this season of Lent. Contact annmneill@hwchurch.org if your child would like to join us on Wednesday evening or Friday afternoons. 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!)

**STEWARDSHIP: Budget Needed:** \$614,834.22 / **Budget Received:** \$590,533.74

**MISSION MOMENT** – It's hard to keep up with LTC's (Lilias Trotter Center) team right here from Houghton. Pray for: Don Little and Gail Schlosser actively taping an introductory series on Christianity and Islam for Wesley Biblical Seminary and for Ben Hegeman teaching close to three dozen workers around the world through WBS, and leading a semester course of Houghton College students. Pray for God's rich blessing and Jeanie Little as well as she meets regularly with HC Emmanuel Scholar students.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – India's Modi government has imposed tight restrictions on funding non-profits feeding orphans, educating children, running hospitals and the like with help from many Christian agencies abroad under its Foreign Contributions Regulation Act. Tens of millions of people are left without social help and nets, and other unemployed which the non-profit sector was providing. (CT Magazine March 2021)

**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 Swain United Methodist Church (Pastor Marian Luce).

**Outdoor Worship Service – Third Sunday in Lent – March 7, 2021 at 11:15am**

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration: *Song of My Heart; Goodness of God*

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 18:1-11

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

Sermon: **When It's Time to Defend**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Living Hope*

Benediction

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Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox, vocals; Ethan Bast, guitar & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

## Song Of My Heart

Just like a tree that grows  
by the water  
Let the strong winds blow  
I will not move  
Just like a child secure  
in the love of a Father  
Never letting go I cling to You

*In ev'ry situation*

*Beyond all fear and doubt*

*No matter what I'm facing*

*The song of my heart*

*is ringing out*

*I'll stand on Your promise*

*I will not be moved*

*Nothing can tear us apart*

*My faith won't be shaken*

*I'm anchored in You*

*In death and in life You remain*

*The song of my heart*

When all is said and done  
and the storm is over  
You are tried and true  
You never change  
When all is sinking sand  
You're a strong foundation  
Ev'rything else will fade  
but You remain

**Chorus**

With ev'ry breath that I take  
With ev'ry beat of my heart  
God I will sing to the world  
Faithful You've been  
Faithful You are  
(Sing 3x)

**Chorus**

## Goodness of God

**Verse 1**

I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

**Chorus**

*All my life You have been faithful*

*All my life You have been so, so good*

*With every breath that I am able*

*I will sing of the goodness of God*

**Verse 2**

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

**Chorus**

**Bridge**

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

**Chorus**

## Living Hope

**Verse 1**

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness  
Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

**Verse 2**

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom  
such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

**Chorus**

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free*

*Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me*

*You have broken every chain*

*There's salvation in Your name*

*Jesus Christ my living hope*

**Verse 3**

Then came the morning  
that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
(Repeat)  
Jesus Yours is the victory