

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. On this Fourth Sunday in Lent, we encounter the new and often surprising ways in which God works. The cross calls us to see and hear God in our lives in spite of who we are and what we have done. As we open our hearts in worship of God, let's ask God to help us live in openness to Him and to each other.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we continue our Lenten journey exploring the interactions of Jesus in the last hours of his life. Next week, we look at Jesus's conversation with Pilate, the Roman governor, to whom Jesus says: *My Kingdom Is Not from this World* (John 18:36). We invite you to join us in the church sanctuary at 10:00 (streamed service) or in the church parking lot at 11:15. If you are interested in attending the 10:00 service, please make a reservation on the church website.

SMZ (SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM), 9:00-9:50 A.M. Next Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Paul Young leads a Bible Study on John 14: 1-14. If you would like to join in, please email Pastor Shea (paulshea@hwchurch.org) and he will send a Zoom Link.

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, March 7 at 9am with Nahum! Feel free to read ahead!

HWC Kids

- HWC Kids, join us the week of March 22nd-27th for an Easter Egg Hunt! Bring your family to the Church and walk around the outside of the building. You'll find 12 big Easter eggs hidden in the windows and doors of the Church building, each with a word or phrase on it. Collect the words and unscramble them to find an Easter promise. Let Miss Emily know you've completed the hunt and an Easter treat will be headed your way! A big "Thank You" to the Valley Preschool students for decorating the eggs! (Pick up your Palm branches for Palm Sunday while you're there!)
- Kids' Club is celebrating God's goodness during this season of Lent. Contact annmcneill@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: \$630,599.20 / **Budget Received:** \$610,221.27

MISSION MOMENT - Jesus Film teams that we help support have planted many pioneer churches in Sierra Leone, and hope to resume sending their teams to neighboring countries soon. We pray for these evangelistic and church planting efforts in Sierra Leone and other Global Partner countries.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Many Christians who suffered terribly under ISIS were reminded this week by the Pope in Iraq to forgive and rebuild. We pray for their courage and faith to do so even as we return from a year of separation and suspicion and seek to forgive and unite as God's Kingdom people for his glory.

SHORT TERM APPLICATIONS – The Global Missions Committee is accepting applications (use [link](#)) for funding assistance for short term outreach preferably by March 22. Contact the church office with questions (585-567-2264).

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 Trinity Lutheran Church, Wellsville (Pastor Robert Morris).

Outdoor Worship Service – Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 14, 2021 at 11:15am

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration: *This is Amazing Grace; Way Maker; Voice of Truth*

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 18:19-24

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

Sermon: **The Un-Hiddenness of Jesus**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

Benediction

Scripture: Betsy Webb

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Gabriel Negus, cajón

This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power
of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty
and so much stronger
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless
in awe and wonder
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

**This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for
all that You've done for me**

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan
a son and daughter
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Who rules the nations
with truth and justice
Shines like the sun
in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave (3x)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
worthy, worthy, worthy! (**Chorus**)

Way Maker

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

**You are Way Maker Miracle
Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness
my God that is who You are**

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You Lord

Chorus

Bridge

Even when I don't see it
You're working
Even when I don't feel it
You're working
You never stop
You never stop working
You never stop
You never stop working

Chorus

Voice of Truth

Oh what I would do to have
The kind of faith it takes
To climb out of this boat I'm in
Onto the crashing waves
To step out of my comfort zone
Into the realm of the unknown
Where Jesus is
And He's holding out His hand

But the waves are calling out my name
And they laugh at me
Reminding me of all the times
I've tried before and failed
The waves they keep on telling me
Time and time again
Boy you'll never win you'll never win

**But the voice of truth
tells me a diff'rent story
The voice of truth says
do not be afraid
And the voice of truth says
this is for My glory
Out of all the voices calling out to me
I will choose to listen
And believe the voice of truth**

Oh what I would do
To have the kind of strength
It takes to stand before a giant
With just a sling and a stone
Surrounded by the sound
Of a thousand warriors
Shaking in their armor
Wishing they'd have
Had the strength to stand

But the giant's calling out my name
And he laughs at me
Reminding me of all the times
I've tried before and failed
The giant keeps on telling me
Time and time again
Boy you'll never win you'll never win

Chorus

But the stone was just the right size
To put the giant on the ground
And the waves they don't seem so high
From on top of them looking down
I will soar with the wings of eagles
When I stop and listen to the sound
Of Jesus singing over me (**Chorus**)

Christ Our Hope in Life And Death

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

**O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death**

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace
and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus