

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 14, 2021

10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

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Prelude on *Rhosymedre* (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Truly our souls find rest in God; our salvation comes from him.

***Truly he is our rock and our salvation; he is our fortress, we will never be shaken.***

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; our hope comes from him.

***Truly he is our rock and our salvation; he is our fortress, we will not be shaken.***

Our salvation and our honor depend on God; he is our mighty rock, our refuge.

***Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.***

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 377: ***A Mighty Fortress is Our God***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Ann McNeill and Ygeutte Rudahindwa

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

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: John 18:19-24

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

Hymn 432: ***Come, Thou My Light that I May See***

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

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Christ Our Hope in Life and Death***

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: AC Taylor

Music Ministry Team:

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

Bekah Brennan, keyboard & vocals; Gabriel Negus, cajón

**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](mailto: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).