

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 21, 2021

10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude

"O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig" BWV 618 (J. S. Bach)
Hymn Prelude on *SLANE* (Be Thou My Vision) David Schelat

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 357: *Be Thou My Vision*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Special Video Presentation

Children's Sermon: Steve & Audrey Pocock

Songs of Adoration: *Remember; O Praise the Name; Overcome*

Prayer of Confession

Our great God and Savior, as we look to the cross, we are reminded that the victory is Yours. Sins forgiven. Death conquered. Your people redeemed, and Your Kingdom come. Though we affirm this truth, we often resist your call to embrace the cross. Forgive us Lord. In our weakness and fear, in our arrogance and apathy—lead us to the cross and into the victory of Your resurrection that we might know and experience your promised forgiveness in Christ. Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: John 18:28-40

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

Hymn 150: *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Sermon: **The Source of the Kingdom**

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Song: *The Same Power*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Sharon McGarvey

Music Ministry Team:

Colin Zehr, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Ethan Bast, guitar & vocals;

Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Simon Sardina, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The season of Lent is a time for reflection and action as we ponder the death of Jesus. These 40 days lead us through the deserts and valleys of life and through the peaks and joys of life. On this Fifth Sunday in Lent, we remember the depths of God's love for us in Christ. May our worship help us to focus on our need and on his grace.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: we continue our Lenten journey exploring interactions with Jesus. Next Sunday's sermon focuses on the rest of Jesus's conversation with Pilate as he declares: *I Testify to the Truth* (John 18:37). Join us for worship in person. (reserve a seat at <https://hwchurch.org/sign-up-events/>) and online at 10:00 and in the church parking lot at 11:15.

STAYING CONNECTED: A year ago, when we started down this journey with Covid-19, Pastor Wes started sending out a weekly update with information related to the life of our church. At the same time, he also started recording a weekly video chat with a devotional thought. As both continue to be sent through text and email and accessed on the church website and Facebook pages, please contact the church office (office@hwchurch.org or 585-567-2264) if you are not receiving them and would like to do so.

SMZ (SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM), 9:00-9:50 A.M. NEXT SUNDAY Dr. Ken Schenk leads **study on church unity from I Corinthians 1**. All invited to join in this timely discussion by contacting paulshea@hwchurch.org or the church office.

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!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS Please Email Pastor Jon (joncole@hwchurch.org) if you need zoom links for any event. Youth group meets 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!

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$646,364.18 / Budget Received: \$621,377.02

MISSION MOMENT – Our missionaries always welcome our prayers. Wycliffe missionaries, John and Sylvia Christensen report they both and three children all had Covid 19 in December. Thank God for steady recovery and John's has had subsequent delicate eye surgery. Praise and prayers for Kisar dictionary break through and potential Indonesia trip in 2021.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – in Niger likely jihadist attacks last week near the Mali border killed 58 and destroyed property. Though Christians were not specifically targeted, unrest in this country is on the rise. Pray for Christians and Gospel workers to be bold in witness of Christ's peace.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Doug Columbo and his family at the death of his 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 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 Wellsville Bible Church (Pastor Dan Kenyon).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 28 (Palm Sunday)

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| 9:00 a.m. | Sunday Morning Zoom / Youth Sunday School |
| 10:00 a.m. | Indoor/Streaming Service (palms branches) |
| 11:15 a.m. | Outdoor Service (palm branches and a live donkey) |

Thursday, April 1 (Maundy Thursday)

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| 6:30 p.m. | Maundy Thursday Service (Church parking lot) |
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Friday, April 2 (Good Friday)

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| 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Journey to the Cross (church gym, come and go) |
| 2:00 p.m. | Organ Program (streaming and sanctuary seating) |

Sunday, April 4 (Easter)

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| 8:30 a.m. | Indoor Service |
| 10:00 a.m. | Indoor Service/Streaming |
| 11:15 a.m. | Outdoor Service |