

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 28, 2021
10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude on "Valet will ich dir geben"* (BWV 736, J. S. Bach)

Welcome

Call to Worship

As the time came for Him to be taken up into heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

***As He went along, people spread their cloaks on the road,
while others cut up branches from the trees and spread them on the road.***

When He came near the place where the road goes down to the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"

The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted,

***"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"***

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 146: ***All Glory, Laud, and Honor***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Pat Hager

Songs of Adoration: ***Hosanna; Hosanna in the Highest; Death Was Arrested***

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 155: ***Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

Sermon: **The Kingdom of Truth**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***I Know Whom I Believed***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Kim Prins Moeller

Music Ministry Team:

Levi Webb, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;
Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. On this day when we celebrate Christ's entry into Jerusalem amid the cheers and adulation of the crowd, we are reminded that by the end of the week he will be jeered and nailed to a cross. As we worship God with our songs and words, with our mouths and ears, with our hearts and minds, let us open ourselves to our loving Father.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Join in the church parking lot for an outdoor Maundy Thursday service this Thursday, March 31, 6:30 p.m. We plan to stream this service as well.

GOOD FRIDAY: We are hosting the Journey to the Cross in the church Community Room, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. This is a come-and-go event. Masks and distancing will be observed.

ON GOOD FRIDAY at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, Dr. Judy Congdon will present a streamed and in-person Organ Meditation, “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded.”

THE CHURCH WELCOMES YOUR EASTER LILIES for Easter Sunday. We have ordered a number of lilies which you may purchase for \$15. or bring your own lily to drop off at the church by Good Friday. If you wish to purchase a lily in memory or honor of a loved one, please email Patty (office@hwchurch.org) or call 567-2264 with your information by Tuesday, March 30.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! In addition to our regular services at 10:00 (indoor/streaming) and 11:15 (outdoor), we are also meeting in the church sanctuary at 8:30. Pastor Wes’s sermon, *On What Does Our Hope Rest?* is from John 20.

SMZ (SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM), 9:00-9:50 A.M. Next Sunday morning we will not have Sunday School.

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

MISSION MOMENT - Today is the day! It’s always special when one of our own workers returns to the field so we pray for Stacia from WNY as she flies today to Eastern Europe to share the Good News of Jesus through tutoring, creative activities, learning center and Spirit-led friendships.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - Christians in Central American face the same stresses as others and need God’s wisdom and grace in trying days of violence and unrest. Churches and believers on both sides of our border also are called to discern their role as they are Christ’s presence in needy situations. We pray.

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 Wellsville United Methodist Church (Pastor Ron Isaman).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 1 (Maundy Thursday)

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Church parking lot/Streaming)

Friday, April 2 (Good Friday)

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Journey to the Cross (Church Community Room, come and go)

2:00 p.m. Organ Program (Church Sanctuary/Streaming)

7:00 p.m. College Good Friday Service (Quad)

Sunday, April 4 (Easter)

6:15 a.m. College Easter Vigil/Sunrise Service (Quad)

8:30 a.m. Indoor Service

10:00 a.m. Indoor Service/Streaming

11:15 a.m. Outdoor Service