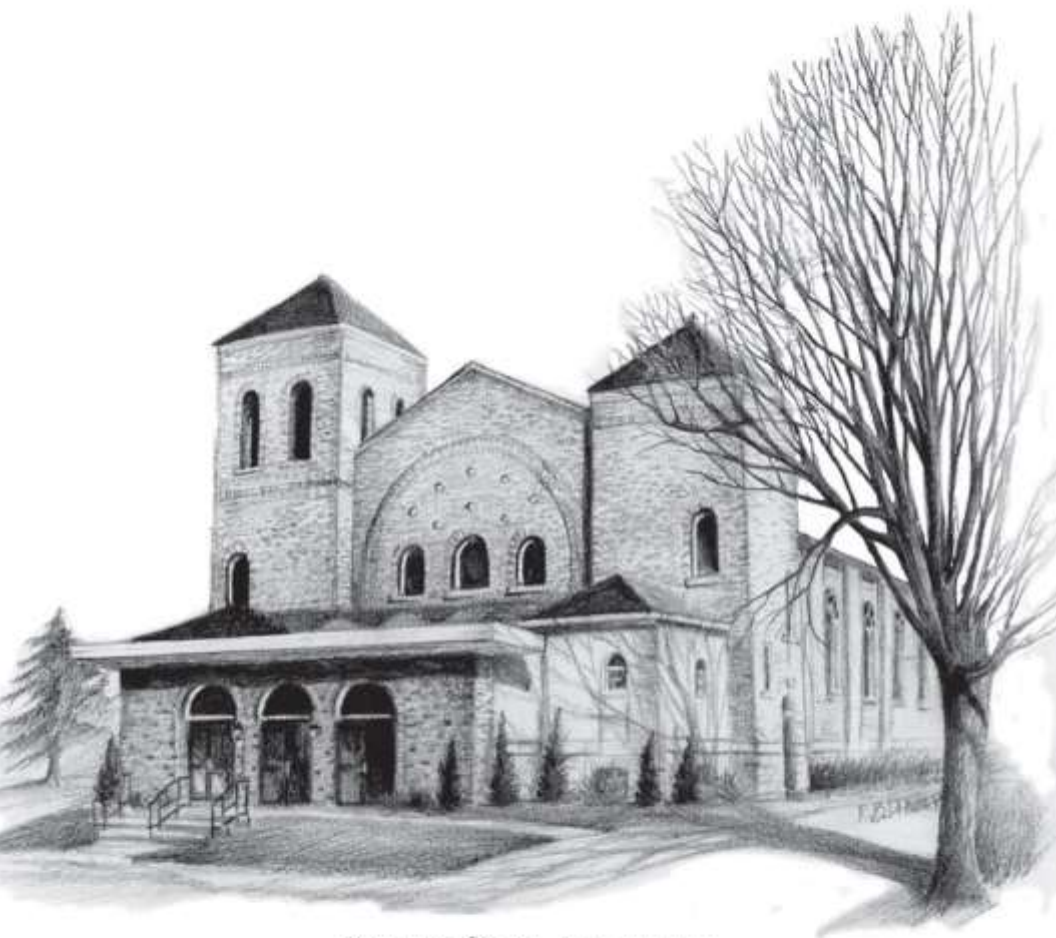




Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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ANN MCNEILL, *Director of Children's Ministries*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 18, 2021
10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: Processional on "With Glad, Exuberant Carolings" (J. Congdon)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope: Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and
always. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise: ***We Know that Christ is Raised***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Ann McNeill

Songs of Adoration: ***Resurrection Song; Champion; Before the Throne***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-34

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

Hymn 463: ***Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense***

Sermon: **Christ is Raised, Now Live Like We Believe It!**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Patty Stalker

Music Ministry Team:

Joanna Bates, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals;
Grace Deitrick, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. We continue in the season that celebrates the great victory of God in Christ. The seven weeks of Easter season prompts us to rejoice that Christ has defeated death and that we are offered life through Him as citizens of his kingdom. Our worship today leads us to think about the future of the kingdom.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Wes leads us to think about the implications of Christ being raised (1 Corinthians 15:35-57). Join us for indoor and streaming worship 10:00 a.m. and outdoor worship at 11:15 a.m. Reservations are required for the indoor service.

STAYING CONNECTED: Pastor Wes continues sending out a weekly update on Tuesday and a video meditation on Thursday. Both can be accessed through email, text or the church website and Facebook pages. If you are not receiving these communications and would like to, please contact the church office (office@hwchurch.org) or 585-567-2264.

SMZ (SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM), 9:00-9:50 A.M. Dr. Sarah Derck will share a Bible Study on the “Role of the Third Person of the Trinity in the Old Testament.” There is room for many to join with others for a look into the Word. Here is the Zoom Link <https://zoom.us/j/93689062279> and ask Patty at the church office or paulshea@hwchurch.org for the passcode.

MISSION MOMENT - We care about life and are encouraged to pray for and participate in **CompassCare**’s April 30th Online Walk Rally and May 1st In-Person **Walk for Life** (Buffalo and Rochester). See: www.compasscarecommunity.com Check the site, join in, and partner with one of our HWC mission partner groups to make a difference in WNY.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - During this just-begun month of Ramadan, let us pray for God to move mightily as Christians show friendship and share *Issa*, Jesus Christ, with their Muslim neighbors here and around the world. The special circumstances of the pandemic could draw people closer to God and He will be faithful to reach out to them.

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$ 693,659.12 / Budget Received: \$ 692,952.45

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with 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 Salvation Army Church, Wellsville (Lts. Derrick and Heather Purvis).

