

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist proclaims, “The LORD is king! He is robed in majesty. Indeed, the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world is firmly established; it cannot be shaken” (93:1, NLT). We come together today to worship the Lord who is king and sovereign over all the earth through the resurrection of Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Wes leads us to think more about the resurrection as Paul describes it in 1 Corinthians 15 and 16. Next week’s sermon, *If I Should Wake Before I Die* is focused on 15:57-16:9. Join us for in person and online worship at 10:00 a.m. and outdoors at 11:15 a.m.

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.

THE FAMILY ROOM IS OPEN FOR USE! Your children are ALWAYS welcome in the sanctuary but this cozy space across from the prayer room is available for parents or guardians to take a child who needs food, a clean diaper, or space to wiggle and play. A TV for streaming the service is also available. Thank you to Rachel Blew, Daryl Stevenson, and Michael Spateholts for making this space beautiful!

SMZ -Next Sunday Morning Zoom, May 2, 9:00 - 9:50 a.m. Dr. Ken Schenck looks at the *Work of the Holy Spirit in John 16*. All are welcome to join in by using the Zoom Link (<https://zoom.us/j/93689062279>) and email paulshea@hwchurch.org or text the church office (585-610-6883) for the passcode.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY MAY 1 - Help beautify our church facility by participating in our annual Church Work Day on Saturday, May 1, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Doughnuts and coffee will be available. Our attention will focus on the exterior of the building and landscaping of the church grounds so bring gardening tools, such as shovels, rakes, and wheelbarrows. Children are welcome.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS Please contact Pastor Jon if you need zoom links for any event or if you have other questions.

Midweek check in - Wed at 1:15pm

Sunday morning zoom Sunday School - 9am - 2 Peter!

We are continuing our 30 Hour Famine series.

JR High YG - 3-4pm

Sr. High YG - 5-6pm

The 30-hour famine will take place on May 7-8.

Join Our Team or Support Us at:

30hourfamine.org/team/HFWChurchYouth

COMPASSCARE WALK FOR LIFE NEXT WEEKEND: Watch the Rally on Friday, April 30 from 7:00- 8:00 PM at CompassCareWalk.com OR Listen on Saturday, May 1 from 9:00 to 10:00 AM on WDCX Buffalo - 99.5 FM | 970 AM/ Rochester - 107.1 FM | 990 AM. Sign up for the in-person Walk For Life on Saturday from 9:00 AM to noon in Buffalo at Delaware Park or in Rochester at Highland Park Bowl.

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$725,189.08 / **Budget Received:** \$726,981.75

MISSION MOMENT - Remember to keep using your *Global Mission Partner Directory* distributed in February. Who have you been praying for recently? Let’s remember Leah Doty working with the “Oby” people in S.East Asia in her request for more colleagues to support one another in her region.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - Next Door in Canada laws have been recently passed to grant full access to assisted suicide even in non-terminal situations in spite of Christians joining others to oppose this disregard to the sanctity of all life. We pray for all efforts to affirm God’s gift of life.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: Peter Luckey, 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 Elijah 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 Yorks Corners Mennonite Church, Wellsville (Pastor Eugene Miller).

Outdoor Worship Service

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021 at 11:15am**

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration:

Living Hope; Come Praise and Glorify; Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-57

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

Sermon: **If I Should Die Before I Wake**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Amen (Because He Lives)*

Benediction

Scripture: Sunshine Sullivan

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox, vocals; Ethan Bast, guitar; Dan Zambrano, cajón

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom
such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning
that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(Repeat)
Jesus Yours is the victory

Chorus

Come Praise and Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured

For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally

To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill

Chorus

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God the Three in One

Chorus

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for

Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Chorus

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling before Your throne

Chorus

Because He Lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
by the power of His blood

Amen, amen

I'm alive I'm alive because He lives

Amen, amen

Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life, my future in His hand

Chorus