

HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 & 10:00AM

APRIL 4, 2021

Prelude: *Alleluias*Robert Lau

Welcome & Call to Worship Pastor Wes Oden

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here; the Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

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He is risen indeed!

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Christ is risen indeed!

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

Thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

*Hymn 178 ***Thine is the Glory***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

*Affirmation of our Christian Faith: **The Apostles' Creed** Pastor Paul Shea

Children's Sermon: Emily Spateholts

Anthem: *Risen Today* (recorded 2019)Dan Forrest

Bethie Liddick, piano; Judy Congdon, organ

*Scripture Reading: John 20: 1-10 Pastor Cindy Oden

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Songs of Adoration: ***Christ Arose
Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed
In Christ Alone***

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord's Prayer**

*Scripture Reading: John 20:11-18 Pastor Jon Cole

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Song of Preparation: ***What a Beautiful Name***

Sermon: **On What Does Our Faith Rest?**

Pastor Wesley Oden

*Hymn 172: ***Christ the Lord is Risen Today!***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Toccata from Symphony No. 5*Charles-Marie Widor

*Please stand if able Organist: Judy Congdon

Music Ministry Team:

Matt Cox, guitar & vocals; Kristen Sanasith, vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Jan Schilke, keyboard; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. On this highest of holy days, the church gathers to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. This is a day of victory and a day of hope. May our worship today reflect faith in our God who conquers sin and death.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we continue our celebration of the Easter Season by looking at the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 15. We will offer indoor worship and streaming at 10:00 a.m. and outdoor worship at 11:15. Next Sunday's sermon, *Remembering What You Believed*, is from 1 Corinthians 15:1-28.

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. Next Sunday Don Little will teach on Discipleship.

MISSION MOMENT - On this Easter Day our Mission Partners are located in Czech Republic, Southeast Asia, Sri Lanka, Australia, Eastern Europe, Haiti, West and South Africa, Buffalo, and elsewhere in North America (check you Partner Directory). We pray for Christ to be lifted up.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - At the close of a Palm Sunday service last week in Makassar, Indonesia, a suicide bomb exploded at the gates of the church injuring 19 worshippers. We pray for Christians worldwide today as terrorists often focus on special days to attack believers.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$ 677,894.14 / **Budget Received:** \$ 670,599.10

*Easter flowers
are placed
on the altar by*



Doyin & Josie Adenuga in loving memory of Josie's mother Joan Akwele Aina

Willis & Beth Beardsley in loving memory of our parents, the Seidels & Beardsleys

Jerry Brown & the Oden Family in loving memory of Alyce

Bill & Antje Calkins in loving memory of William & Marjorie Calkins

Judy Hopkins in loving memory of Ted & our parents

Sharon Johnson in loving memory of my parents John & Margarette Johnson; my maternal grandparents, Paul & Fannie Melton; and my paternal grandparents, Berry Martin & Louvina Johnson

Ann McNeill in loving memory of Jessalyn Lorena Irving, my niece.

Paul & Shirley Mullen Mills in loving memory of James & Lillian May Mills
Bonnie Boggs Mills & Stephen Mills,
Grandparents Dunlop & Mullen,
& in honor of Laurence & Vesta Mullen

Robin Pawling in loving memory of my parents Jean & Shirley Pawling,
& my aunts Debbie Alderman Wilson & Geraldine Alderman

Steve & Audrey Pocock in loving memory of Al & Esther Smith

Sally Retz in honor of Jon's father Louis Daniel Retz & in honor of Sally's father Richard Dillon.

Grandma & Grandpa Schmidt in loving memory of Baby Samuel Chenan Schirle

Michael & Emily Spateholts in memory of Avi Spateholts and the other babies of our church waiting for us in heaven

Daryl & Gudy Stevenson in in honor & remembrance of our parents:
Milly & Magnus Mindrebo
& Herbert & Margaret Stevenson

Grace Taylor in memory of my husband Ed Taylor & my son Robert Taylor

Tracy Taylor in memory of Jesse Grossman & my brother Brett Grossman

Matt & Barb Woolsey in loving memory of Mary Alice Bowman & Warren & Ella Woolsey

Dan & Amanda Zambrano in loving memory of William Zambrano & Jorge Zambrano

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PRAYER CONCERNS: for Kurt Habecker & family at the death of his mother, Dolores, 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 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 all churches in Allegany County.



CHRIST
IS
risen.

HE IS
risen,
INDEED!