

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Each day we face the struggles of living in a fallen world and are acutely aware of the need for God's presence and help. God promises His presence in each of our lives. We gather today to remember all that God has done and all that He has promised to do and to worship Him for who He is.

**SERVICE OF TESTIMONY** Today at the 11:15 service Pastor Paul Shea leads with a meditation and you have opportunity to share a brief testimony.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** the Rev. David Huizenga will preach.

**STAFF VACATIONS:** Pastors Wes and Cindy are on vacation this week and Amanda Cox is also on vacation today. We appreciate all who are leading while they are away.

**HYMNING THIS THURSDAY, 6:30 P.M.** American poet Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) is perhaps the most prolific writer of gospel hymns in all of Christian history with some 8000 hymn texts to her credit, and her hymns some of the most beloved and timeless. The next "organ meditation," led by organist Judy Congdon this Thursday at 6:30 p.m., will provide an opportunity to hear a bit about Crosby's life and (especially) to sing many of her hymns together. This event will be available on livestream, but will also be open for in-person participation.

**BAPTISM AND DEDICATIONS:** In light of the vaccination progress and the low positivity rate, we are ready to resume baptisms and dedications. If you or someone in your family is interested in being baptized or in having your children dedicated, please let me know.

**VALLEY PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS** are available at the VPS Bulletin Board, in the church office, and online at <https://hwchurch.org/2021-22-vps-application-fillable/>

**STAYING CONNECTED:** During this unusual time, we want to stay as connected to you as possible. Pastor Wes is sending out a weekly letter on Tuesdays and video on Thursdays. Both are distributed through email and text and may be accessed on the church website ([hwchurch.org](http://hwchurch.org)) and Facebook pages. If you are not receiving these communications and would like to do so, please send your contact information to [office@hwchurch.org](mailto:office@hwchurch.org).

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** will not be meeting in July. Hope to see both new and old faces again in August!

**STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed:** \$48,364.95 / **Budget Received:** \$44,091.96

**MISSION MOMENT** - Rod Casali and the staff at Canada Institute of Linguistics welcome 90 students to their on-line summer program this month, 50 of whom are newcomers. We pray for God to the equip and lead many to bring His Word to many unreached language groups.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** - A recent first-hand report from Libya shares the news of many seekers and new believers eagerly looking to Jesus in small group study of Scripture. We pray for the Spirit to reward their desire to know God and guide workers sharing the Good News in a difficult environment.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: Denise Zambrano, Carlos Gildemeister, 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 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 Grace Community Church, Buffalo (Pastor Barb Farrow).

# Outdoor Worship Service

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021 at 11:15am

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration: *Living Hope; Christ is Risen*

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii[e] and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

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

Meditation/Invitation to Share Testimonies: Pastor Paul Shea

Testimonies

Song: *In Christ Alone*

Testimonies

Song: *All I Have is Christ, By Our Love*

Benediction

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Scripture Reader: Pastor Paul Shea

Music Ministry Team:

Kristen Sanasith, Dan Zambrano, vocals; Caleb Hilsher, guitar

## 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*

## Christ Is Risen

Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us  
Freely You've bled for us

**Christ is risen from the dead**  
**Trampling over death by death**  
**Come awake come awake**  
**Come and rise up from the grave**  
**Christ is risen from the dead**  
**We are one with Him again**  
**Come awake come awake**  
**Come and rise up from the grave**

Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign  
Forever let Your church proclaim

*Chorus*

O death where is your sting  
O hell where is your victory  
O church come stand in the light  
The glory of God has defeated the night (Repeat)

*Chorus*

## In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

## All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace

**Hallelujah! All I have is Christ**  
**Hallelujah! Jesus is my life**

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me  
O Father, use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You

## By Our Love

### **Verse 1**

Brothers let us come together  
Walking in the Spirit  
There's much to be done  
We will come reaching  
Out from our comforts  
And they will know us by our love

### **Verse 2**

Sisters we were made for kindness  
We can pierce the darkness  
As He shines through us  
We will come reaching  
With a song of healing  
And they will know us by our love

### **Chorus**

**The time is now Come church arise**  
**Love with His hands See with His eyes**  
**Bind it around you Let it never leave you**  
**And they will know us by our love**

### **Verse 3**

Children you are hope for justice  
Stand firm in the Truth now  
Set your hearts above  
You will be reaching  
Long after we're gone  
And they will know you by your love

### **Chorus**

## **Outdoor Worship Information**

We are so glad that you are here today.  
We pray that the worship service is a  
blessing to you and to all of us.

We received confirmation from the  
local DOH that houses of worship are  
included in the governor's recent  
announcement that rolled back most  
COVID-related restrictions on almost  
all commercial and institutional entities.  
In view of this and considering the  
current low community transmission  
rate of COVID-19, here is a summary  
of the current protocols for outdoor  
gatherings,

- All distancing restrictions are lifted; however, there should still be ample space available to facilitate distancing for those who desire.
- Masks are welcomed for all but not required. Please continue to be sensitive to one another as we navigate this change; some will want to continue masking and distancing, and we support that choice.