
**Early Worship Service
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 30, 2022 at 8:45am**

Welcome

Songs of Adoration: *Thrive; Champion; Is He Worthy?*

Time of Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. 3 “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. 4 He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ 5 So they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. 6 About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ 7 “ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ 8 “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ 9 “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. 10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 12 ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ 13 “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ 16 “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

Sermon: **The Joy of Generosity Toward Others**
Priceless Parables: The Joy of Living Generously, IV
Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Let us Consider*

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Mike Jordan
Acolyte: Clay Templeton

Music Ministry Team:
Amanda Cox, Rachael McVeigh, Ethan Carr; vocals;
Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

Children's Sermon—Stand Out: <https://youtu.be/a1nEbJpT0iA>

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The 23rd Psalm describes God as the shepherd of his people. Jesus declares that he is the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep. As we worship today, we remember that God promises to care for all that he has made and in response, we worship him.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we will gather for worship outdoors at 8:45 a.m. (we will communicate if the weather causes us to move indoors) and indoors/streaming at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Wes will preach about *The Joy of Representing Our Generous God* from Luke 16.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH today; children are released to Children's Church during the greeting time.

KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL continues today at 9:45 (you may access the digital materials any time) This week kids experience the story of when Jesus leave his hometown (Luke 4: 22-30) to learn that following God makes us stand out. (materials are emailed on Friday mornings).

KIDS CLUB meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Parents can enroll their children by emailing AnnMcNeill@hwchurch.org so preparation can begin for the children who will attend. We will continue to explore the pivotal events in the Bible through the Jesus Storybook Bible, rejoicing in the great rescue that Our Savior accomplished for us!

STEWARDS OF CHILDREN, training for Youth and Children's Ministry volunteers, takes place on Saturday, February 5 from 9-11 am. Contact Pastor Jon, or Emily Spateholts to sign up. This training is open to anyone 18+ years old but required for Youth and Children's Ministry volunteers.

GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 13: Our theme this year is Messengers of Good News. Jonathan Ortlip, founder and CEO if Ambassadors Football is our guest speaker at both services and a joint 9:45 session, "Toward the Goal," in the Community Room. Ambassadors Football builds relationship and shares the Gospel using football in the USA with clubs, camps and community service; in 20 different countries by partnering with indigenous ministries and local leaders. We will be distributing the 2022 Global Missions Partner Directory, *Messengers of Good News*.

MISSIONARY MOMENT: Leah Doty in S.E. Asia is deeply engaged with the Oby language people and working with a host NGO on improving conditions for disabled people. We pray her work of developing the official Oby writing system and literacy programs. We rejoice in anticipation of two new team members in 2022.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Last week a military coup ousted the government of Burkina Faso, a nation where Christians have been under heavy attack by al Qaeda linked militants. The situation is too fresh to know whether this will improve protection for churches and believers, but we pray for God's help and solutions for God's people and the nation as a whole.

STEWARDSHIP **Budget Needed:** \$545,735.36/ **Budget Received:** \$523,547.40

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family and friends of Harold Grant and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Patty Plaza (Alejandra Koch's sister), Karen Gaerte, Bill Getty, Don Yeddo (Paul Rowley's step-father), Howard Berry (Donnie Stockin's brother), Andy Mikolajczyk (Mary Lingenfelter's brother), Sith Sanasith (Souly's brother), Denise Zambrano, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Lenore Paige, Gary Heil (Janet Stegen's brother), Sarah Gurley, Grace Taylor, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Dan Gurley, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair; for all dealing with tragedies and disasters; for all affected by the coronavirus, for refugees, for peace amid threats of war; for the First Baptist Church, Hume (Pastor Joel Stroud).

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Outdoor Service Weather Conditions Update

We are entering the time of year when we need to address bitter cold weather and the potential of snow and ice storms. As much as we value the outdoor option, we want to use wise caution for the safety of all who might attend. With this in mind, we have adopted weather guidelines for the outdoor service. We will move the outdoor service into the sanctuary based on any of the following conditions:

- * Temperature predicted to be below 20 degrees
- * Wind chill predicted to be in single digits
- * Snowstorm or ice storm is predicted with a high degree of certainty

In the event that weather conditions create the need to move the outdoor service into the sanctuary, we will communicate this decision by Saturday noon in these ways:

- * We will post on the church website (www.hwchurch.org). Be sure to refresh your web browser in order to get the most updated information.
- * We will put a message on the church answering machine (585-567-2264).
- * We will send out an announcement by text and email through the regular channels
<https://hwchurch.org/inclement-weather-policy/>

Thrive

Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water
We never will run dry
So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls
with one desire

**Just to know You
and to make You known
We lift Your name on high
Shine like the sun
make darkness run and hide
We know we were made
for so much more
Than ordinary lives
It's time for us to
more than just survive
We were made to thrive**

Into Your Word we're digging deep
To know our Father's heart
Into the world we're reaching out
To show them who You are
So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls
with one desire

Chorus

Bridge (sing 4x)

Joy unspeakable, Faith unsinkable
Love unstoppable, Anything is possible

Chorus

Champion

O Victory You have won
Victorious You have come
What was stolen
You brought back to us (Repeat)

**Our Champion You fight for us
You made a way
where there was none
Our Champion You're strong in us
The debt we owed You paid in blood**

The One in whom we belong
We'll lift our voice join Your song
We were orphaned now forever Yours

Chorus

We will shout it out
from the mountaintops
That our God is good He has overcome

Let all the earth ev'ry tribe and tongue
We will sing it out He has overcome
(Repeat)

Chorus

Is He Worthy

Do you feel the world is broken?
We do.

Do you feel the shadows deepen?
We do.

But do you know that all the dark
won't stop the light from getting
through? We do.

Do you wish that you could see it
all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.

Is a new creation coming? It is.

Is the glory of the Lord to be

the light within our midst? It is.

Is it good that we remind

ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

**Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?**

**The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave**

He is David's Root

And the Lamb who died

to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy

Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is

Does the Father truly love us? He does.

Does the Spirit move among us?

He does.

And does Jesus our Messiah hold

forever those He loves? He does.

Does our God intend

to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal

and open the scroll?

**The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave**

He is David's Root

And the Lamb who died

to ransom the slave

**From ev'ry people and tribe
every nation and tongue**

He has made us

a kingdom and priests

to God to reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Is He worthy

Of all blessing and honor and glory?

**Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this? He is! He is!
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
He is! He is!
He is worthy! He is worthy! He is!**

Let Us Consider

Nothing in all creation
can every separate us
From the love of our infinite God
And it's not that we first loved Him,
but that He first chose to love us
Even as in sin and darkness we trod
What shall we say in response to this?
If God is for us, who can be against us?
And He who has lavished
His love upon us
Has called us to love like He does

**So let us consider
how we love one another
How we encourage each other
toward love and good deeds
For He who has promised,
our Father is faithful
By this all men will know
we love our Savior,
if we love each other too**

So shout to the highest heavens,
and sing with all the angels
in thanks and praise
for all He has done
As our Father's chosen people,
may we live within the promise
that through His holy
presence we're one
Serving each other
in word and in deed,
we know we shall find
that fellowship sweet
When we open our hearts
outside of ourselves
to do what He called us to do

Chorus

Jesus has called us
to love like He does
To take up our cross,
to carry the lost
No greater love can ever be found
Than that we
should lay down our lives
That we could lay down our lives
That we would lay down our lives

Chorus