

Early Worship Service
– Eighth Sunday after Epiphany –
February 27, 2022 at 8:45am

Welcome

Songs of Adoration: *I Know Whom I Have Believed; Kyrie Eleison*

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.**

Celebration of Ministry: Local Outreach

Children's Sermon: God is With You

Scripture Reading: Romans 14:16-19

¹⁶ Therefore do not let what you know is good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit ¹⁸ because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval. ¹⁹ Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

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

Sermon: Righteousness, Peace and Joy

Rev. Dr. Joey Jennings

Song: *Oh How Good it Is*

Benediction

Acolyte:: Nate Esh

Scripture Reader: Katrina Koehler

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox, Jeff Babbitt, Kristen Sanasith; vocals;

Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals

Children's Sermon: "God is With You" - https://youtu.be/v1KrT53d_b8

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The apostle Paul commends to Colossian Church to “sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.” As we gather today, may our songs, prayers, engagement with scripture and fellowship with each other be a means of expressing our gratitude to God for who he is and for all that he has done and is doing.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: This Wednesday, March 2, 6:30pm, in the Church Sanctuary, we will join millions of Christians around the world as we enter into the season of Lent. This service is a time of reflection, song, silence and (for all who desire) the imposition of ashes.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING is the First Sunday in Lent. Pastor Wes begins a Lenten series of sermons from Leviticus. Next week’s sermon, The Holy Life of Sacrifice (Leviticus 1-7), calls us to wholehearted engagement with God in prayer. We will be outdoors at 8:45 and indoors/streaming at 11:00.

KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL continues today. If you can’t join us in person at 9:45 you may access the digital materials any time. This week, kids learn who Jesus is through the transfiguration. **THE BIG IDEA:** Jesus is with us even though we can’t see him. **THE BIBLE:** Luke 9:28-36; Romans 8:31-39.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: I John; Film- The Chosen; Book- *Spiritual Conversations with Children* (NEW); Moms that Pray; Colleague – 945 Light (next week)

KIDS’ CLUB: God’s great rescue continues as our topic for Kids’ Club this Wednesday night at 6:30. We welcome children who have yet to come this year, so come on out! Please let annmneill@hwchurch.org know so we can get enough craft supplies together for your kids. Bible trivia question: How long did the Israelites wait for Moses to come down from his meeting with God on Mt. Sinai?

MISSION MOMENT – Joel and Barb Trudell ask prayer for their 20-member SIL team gathered from US, UK, Germany, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria and Uganda in Cape Town this past week. Travel in this COVID time has been tricky, but thank God for this gathering after several years separated and pray that they will have been refreshed, energized and refocused for the tasks ahead in 2022. (Pick up your household’s *Global Missions Partner Directory* in the church foyer.)

PERSECUTED CHURCH – While we worship together, there are many Christians around the world unable to meet with other Christians other than one-on-one in the dark of night. Christians in Afghanistan report living in daily fear of being hunted down by the Taliban. We pray for Christians there and wherever they are forced to hide their faith at risk of losing their lives. (see OpenDoorsUSA.org)

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$609,939.52/ **Budget Received:** \$581,944.62

Weekly events:

- **Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study** meets from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Good Shepherd Room
- **Wednesday Prayer Group** meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 105
- **Thursday Evenings Celebrate Recovery** meets from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Room

LET’S WELCOME OUR NEW AFGHAN NEIGHBORS: Thursday, March 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the church Community Room you are invited to a “Town Meeting” to discuss how we can help Afghan Newcomers. Contact is annmneill@hwchurch.org.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family of Gladys Andrews (visitation Tuesday, March 1, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. and service at 11:00 a.m., both at the church) and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Ann Irving (Ann McNeill’s mother), Jennifer Brown, Walter Schilke (Stephan’s father), Karen Gaerte, Bill Getty, Don Yeddo (Paul Rowley’s step-father), 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 protection, wisdom and peace for the people and leaders of Ukraine; for a Chinese pastor who has been detained by the police since December 26; for the Northern KonXions United Methodist Church, Rushford (Pastor Craig Buelow).

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I Know Whom I Have Believed

Verse 1

I don't know why
God's wondrous grace
To me He has made known
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own

I don't how this saving faith
To me He did impart
Nor how believing in His word
Brought peace within my heart

Chorus

**But I know whom I have believed
And am persuaded
that He is able, He is able
To keep that which I have
committed, to keep that
which I have entrusted to Him,
to Him against that day**

Verse 2

I don't know how
the Spirit moves
Convincing us of sin
Revealing Jesus through the Word
Creating faith in Him

I don't know what of good or ill
May be in store for me
Of weary ways or golden days
Until His face I see

Chorus

Bridge

I don't know when
my Lord may come
At night or noontide fair
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him
Or meet Him in the air

Chorus

Kyrie Eleison

Verse 1

For the things we've done
and left undone
For the ways we've wandered
from Your heart
Forgive us we pray,
Forgive us we pray

For the idols we put
on Your throne
For the loves we choose
above Your own
Forgive us we pray,
Forgive us we pray

Chorus

**Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us, on us
Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us, on us**

Verse 2

For the lies that we
clutch to our chests
For the fear that
wants to steal our breath
Forgive us we pray,
and give us Your grace

Chorus

Bridge

Forgiving God,
Forgiving us (Sing 4x)

Chorus

Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is when the family
of God
Dwells together in spirit in faith
and unity
Where the bonds of peace, of
acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here
among us

**So with one voice we'll sing to the
Lord**

**And with one heart we'll live out
His word**

**Till the whole earth sees the
Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of
His people**

Oh how good it is on this journey
we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength, the
afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of
belonging

Chorus

Oh how good it is to embrace His
command
To prefer one another, forgive as
He forgives
When we live as one, we all share
in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the
Spirit

Chorus