
**Early Worship Service
– Second Sunday in Lent –
March 13, 2022 at 8:45am**

Welcome

Songs of Adoration:

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling; King of Kings; Jesus Paid it All

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.**

Children's Sermon: Powerful Perspective

Celebration of Ministry: Valley Preschool

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this
age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God
the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of
what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wis-
dom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the
wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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

Sermon: **The Scandal of the Cross**

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Song: *Before the Throne of God Above*

Benediction

Acolyte: Lucy Jordan

Scripture Reader: Doug Gaerte

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox, Emily Quick, Mark Zachary, vocals;

Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

Children's Sermon—*Powerful Perspective* is online at <https://youtu.be/D4g-MnFCenM>

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The season of Lent is an historic time for reflection, repentance and surrender in the shadow of the cross as we prepare ourselves, individually and corporately, for the death and resurrection of Christ. As we reflect on our sin and on God's grace through Jesus Christ, let us contemplate our response to Jesus our Redeemer.

COMMUNION: We are serving communion today using prepackaged cups.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we continue our Lenten journey exploring the work of the cross in our world and in our lives. Next week, Pastor Wes will preach about The Magnetism of the Cross (John 12:20-36). We will be outdoors at 8:45 and indoors/streaming at 11:00.

THURSDAY, 6:30 TO 7:30 P.M. A Lenten Organ Meditation: This service of worship will include organ solo works and congregational singing of hymns appropriate to Lent. Since it falls on St. Patrick's Day, it also will include an emphasis on the Trinity and a hymn ("St. Patrick's Breastplate") whose text is attributed to St. Patrick

EASTER BAPTISM: If you are interested in being baptized on Easter Sunday morning, contact Pastor Wes (office@hwchurch.org).

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: If you are interested in becoming a member of HWC or in knowing more about membership at HWC, contact Pastor Wes (office@hwchurch.org). He will be hosting a membership class in March.

KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 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
Sunday School: This week, kids hear the exciting story of Jesus chasing away demons. **THE BIG IDEA:** God is more powerful than evil. **THE BIBLE:** Luke 9:37-43a; Psalm 27

March memory verse: But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. II Thessalonians 3:3 (NIV)

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

I John with Paul Young in the Community Room; Film- The Chosen in Room 105; Book- *Spiritual Conversations with Children* (NEW) in the Good Shepherd Room; Moms that Pray; College – 945 Light (begins today)

COLLEGE AND GRAD STUDENTS – Today, Sunday at 9:45 a.m. something new: "945 LIGHT." It's a time to fellowship, learn and pray together. Join us below the sanctuary next week and every Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$642,041.60 / **Budget Received:** \$606,238.21

MISSION MOMENT – The Georges in Western Australia have recently experienced unusual flooding and an outbreak of Covid 19 in the Perth region. Also family illness has added stress. Always pray for God's peace and strength as our missionaries lift up Christ in whatever crisis comes along.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – In January the new 2022 World Watch List – the top 50 countries where it is most difficult to follow Jesus as released. Islamic, communist, and clan oppression, religious nationalism, and dictatorial paranoia are among main causes. No matter the roots, we pray for Christ to grant safety, faith and hope to all who follow Him. (OpenDoorsUSA)

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Grace Taylor, 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, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Dan Gurley, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair; for all dealing with tragedies and disasters; for all affected by the coronavirus, for refugees throughout the world, 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 Belfast Free Methodist Church (Pastor Calvin Smith).

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Verse 2

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Verse 3

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Verse 4

Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

King of Kings

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
to a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

**Praise the Father; Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings**

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus, for our sake You died

Chorus

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ,
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Jesus Paid It All

Verse 1

I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Chorus 1

**Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow**

Verse 2

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Chorus 1

Verse 3

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Chorus 1

Interlude

Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow

Chorus 2

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
(Sing 4x)

Chorus 1

Before the Throne of God Above

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest
whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can
bid me thence depart
No tongue can
bid me thence depart

Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Verse 3

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior
and my God
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