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Early Worship Service – Third Sunday in Lent – March 20, 2022 at 8:45am

Welcome

Songs of Adoration: *Living Hope; My Hope is in You; I Will Wait for You*

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: Anthony Petrillo

Scripture Reading: John 12:20-36

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." 22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. 23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. 27 "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. 30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. 31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. 34 The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?" 35 Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. 36 Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

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

Sermon: **The Magnetism of the Cross**
Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Come Praise and Glorify*

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Pastor Paul Shea

Music Ministry Team:
Amanda Cox, Kristen Sanasith, Betsy Webb; vocals;
Jack Smith, guitar & vocals; AC Taylor, cajón

Children's Sermon—*Little Bites* is online at <https://youtu.be/4IVNjqhpVdA>

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The season of Lent is a time for reflection and action as we ponder the death of Jesus. These 40 days lead us through the deserts and valleys of life and through the peaks and joys of life. On this Third Sunday in Lent, we remember the depths of God's love for us in Christ. May our worship help us to focus on our need and on his grace.

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 Judgment of the Cross (Philippians 3). We will be outdoors at 8:45 and indoors/streaming at 11:00.

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 continues today at 9:45 you may access the digital materials any time. This week, kids hear the exciting story of the parable of the fig tree. **THE BIG IDEA:** God is patient while we grow. **THE BIBLE:** Luke 13:6-9; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Now that the mask mandate has lifted, we are curious how this might impact the children's ministry options that we have available. If you would like to return to in-person worship but are not able to do so due to limited options (nursery, children's church during late service, etc.), please let Emily (kidsmin@hwchurch.org) know so we can work to accommodate you. Thanks!

KIDS' CLUB: Kids' Club continues to celebrate God's amazing work through King David. Join us from 6:30-7:30 on Wednesday evenings. Please contact annmcneill@hwchurch.org ahead of time if you haven't attended yet so we can prepare craft supplies for you. See you at Club, kids! Trivia Question: How tall was Goliath of Gath?

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: TEN3 in the Community Room. The Petrillos and some of their Tanzania team will make a presentation during 9:45 Sunday School hour right after this service All are welcome. Film- *The Chosen* in Room 105; Book- *Spiritual Conversations with Children* (NEW) in the Good Shepherd Room; Moms that Pray; College – 945 Light, a time to fellowship, learn and pray together. Join us below the sanctuary every Sunday.

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

THE CHURCH WELCOMES YOUR EASTER LILIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17. We have purchased a number of lilies which you may purchase for \$15.00 each or you may bring your own lily to drop off at the church office by Good Friday, April 15th. If you would like to purchase one or more lilies, you may use the online giving option, mail a check to the church office (indicate Easter lilies), or drop-off payment at the church office. If you wish to purchase in memory or in honor of a loved one, please email Patty (pattystalker@hwchurch.org) or call Patty (567-2264) with your information by Monday, April 11. Thank you.

MISSION MOMENT – Four months ago with several miracles of God's blessing Dr. Anthony and Nancy Petrillo led a team from Transformational Educational Network (TEN3) to initiate a new elementary education program with Life Support for Change/Trinity school in northern Tanzania. We pray for continued kingdom fruit from that project and all aspects of TEN3 ministry.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to use true believers in Russia, Ukraine and around the world to pray and work for peace in Ukraine. Many Christians are ministering to those suffering under the war conditions in Ukraine. We pray for comfort, safety, courage and an end to the conflict.

PRAYER CONCERNS: or Paul Young and his family at the death of his brother, David, for Anthony Petrillo and his family at the death of his brother, Marc, and 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 effected 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 Northern KonXions United Methodist Church, Belfast (Pastor Craig Buelow).

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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

My Hope Is In You

Verse 1

I meet with You and my soul sings out
As Your word throws doubt far away
I sing to You and my heart cries holy
Hallelujah Father You're near

Chorus

**My hope is in You Lord
all the day long
I won't be shaken by
drought or storm
A peace that passes
understanding is my song
And I sing
My hope is in You Lord**

Verse 2

I wait for You and my soul finds rest
In my selfishness You show me grace
I worship You and my heart cries glory
Hallelujah Father You're here

Chorus

Bridge

I will wait on You
You are my refuge
(Sing 4x)

Chorus

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And I sing
My hope is in You Lord
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My hope is in You Lord**

I Will Wait For You

Verse 1

Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Verse 2

Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come
before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

Chorus 1

**I will wait for You
I will wait for You
On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You
surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied**

Verse 3

So put Your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave

Verse 4

His steadfast love has made a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice

Chorus 2

**I will wait for You
I will wait for You
Through the storm
and through the night
I will wait for You
surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight**

Come Praise and Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted
through His Son eternally

**To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and
grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves**

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill

Chorus

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith
we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God the Three in One

Chorus