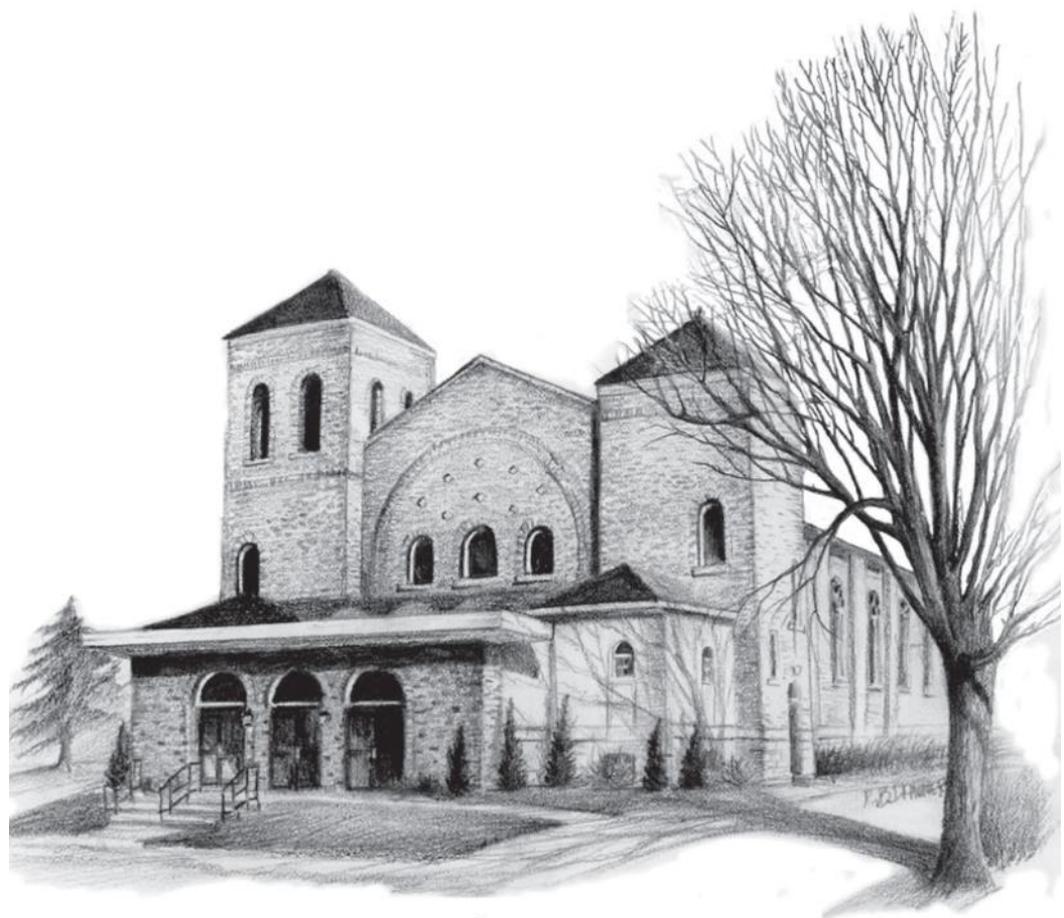




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WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 20, 2022
11:00 SERVICE

Prelude: Variations on "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (Jon Spong)

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 393: ***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*** (tune of Solid Rock)

Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Anthony Petrillo

Children's Sermon

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

Prayer of Confession

Merciful Savior, at Your cross, we find the beginning of each of our stories: sinners in need of God's grace. We confess that in our pride—we neglect your grace, and in our judgment—we withhold your grace. Forgive us, Lord, for our tendency to focus on past sins instead of present redemption. Merciful Lord, enable us to live as ambassadors of light in the darkness of this world. And may we embrace the words that empower our lives: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.*

Time of Prayer

Please feel free sit, stand, or kneel as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.

Scripture Reading: John 12:20-36

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

Hymn 463: ***Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense***

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

Song: ***Come Praise and Glorify***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Miriam Derck Scripture Reader: Pastor Cindy Oden

Music Ministry Team:

Kristen Sanasith, vocals; Jack Smith, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; AC Taylor, cajón

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. If you didn't join us in person 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; I 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:

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, 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).