
**Early Worship Service
– Fourth Sunday in Lent –
March 27, 2022 at 8:45am**

Welcome

Songs of Adoration: *Death Was Arrested; Way Maker; Goodness of God*

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: Banding Groups

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:17-21

¹⁷Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

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

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

Song: *Surrender All*

Benediction

Acolytes: Adalyn and Isaac Wartinger Scripture Reader: Patty Stalker

Music Ministry Team:
Amanda Cox, Nayellis Perez, Betsy Webb; vocals;
Matt Cox, guitar & vocals; Hannah Lindo, cajón

Children's Sermon—*Celebrate!* is online at https://youtu.be/m3k3cGq_DEw

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The season of Lent provides us with an opportunity to think more fully on the cross. Because we are tempted to move away from the cross, may our worship today help us to see the cross in all of its fullness so that we might see ourselves in its light. And in this revelation, surrender ourselves to Christ who dies for the whole world.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. We will gather outdoors at 8:45 and indoors/streaming at 11:00. Pastor Wes will preach about *The Triumph of the Cross* from Colossians 2 and Ephesians 2.

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 this week.

KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL continues today. This week, kids hear the exciting story of the parable of the lost son. Join us in-person from 9:45-10:45am or virtually (materials sent out on Friday mornings). **THE BIG IDEA:** God celebrates us. **THE BIBLE:** Luke 15:11b-32; II Corinthians 5:17-19.

KIDS' CLUB: meets at 6:30 this Wednesday night as we take a few weeks to learn about King David. The treats and the helmet craft will be lots of fun! If you haven't attended yet but would like to come on Wednesday, please let Ann McNeill know so that we can prepare a craft kit for you! Kids in 1st-6th grade are invited. See you there!

HWC KIDS EVENTS;

- ◆ Easter Egg Scramble: join us the week of April 3rd - 9th for an Easter Egg Hunt! Bring your family to the Church and walk around the outside of the building. You'll find 12 big Easter eggs hidden in the windows and doors of the Church building, each with a word or phrase on it. Collect the words and unscramble them to find an Easter promise. Turn in your completed "egg scramble" in the box at the Welcome Desk in the CE building foyer (with your name on it) and an Easter treat will be headed your way!
- ◆ HWC Kids, on Saturday, April 9th from 10 -11am preschool through 6th grade, are invited to celebrate the Easter season with us Explore the miracle of Easter through story, art, craft, and food! Events will start at the outdoor stage, weather permitting. Pick up Palms for the Palm Sunday Procession!
- ◆ **Palm Sunday Procession April 10 at both services:** All children are invited to participate in the procession of the palms at the begin each service (8:45 and 11:00 a.m.)

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAY 6-8 PM: *Never Give Up on God* – John 16:33 - Goal of small group – To encourage students to find hope in what's true about God and choose to stay committed to following Jesus even when life gets tough.

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.

Short Term Mission Applications - Application forms for assistance to fund short term ministries this summer or beyond are due April 15. The form may be found on the church's website at <https://hwchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/horttermMissionApplicationGeneral.pdf> or picked up at the church office and returned to Pastor Paul Shea by the 15th.

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$674,143.68 / Budget Received: \$646,242.64

MISSION MOMENT – Our Global Partner workers in Europe and Eastern Europe serve amongst people who've lived through the trauma of conflict, and are now receiving those displaced by war. We pray for wisdom, love and compassion as our workers and others embody the love of Christ today to so many hurting people.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – How are we supposed to act toward those who oppose Christians? Jesus says to love enemies and pray for those who persecute. (Matt. 5:44) So we must not only pray for our fellow believers under attack, but pray for God to change the hearts and minds of the oppressors around the globe.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Herb Williams and his family at the death of his brother, Bert, for Kathie Guyler and her family at the death of her husband, Tom 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 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 Oramel Community Church (Pastor Ken Stanton).

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Death Was Arrested

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope
with no place to begin
Your love made a way
to let mercy come in
When death was arrested
and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet
my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested
and my life began

**Oh Your grace so free
washes over me
You have made me new
now life begins with You
It's Your endless love
pouring down on us
You have made us new
now life begins with You**

Released from my chains
I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom
He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt
and He called me His friend
When death was arrested
and my life began

Chorus

Our Savior displayed
on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced
as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose
with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested
and my life began

Chorus

Oh we're free, free, forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free, free, forever amen
When death was arrested
and my life began

Way Maker

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

**You are Way Maker,
Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness
my God that is who You are**

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You Lord

Chorus

Bridge

Even when I don't see it
You're working
Even when I don't feel it
You're working
You never stop
You never stop working
You never stop
You never stop working

Chorus

Goodness of God

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

**All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have
been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Chorus

Surrender All

Verse 1

Take all I am Lord
and all that I cling to
You are my Savior
I owe everything to
Take all the treasures
that lie in my storehouse
They cannot follow
when I enter Your house

Chorus

**So I surrender all to You
I surrender all**

Verse 2

Take all my cravings
for vain recognition
Fleshly indulgence
and worldly ambition
I want so much Lord
to make You the focus
To serve You in secret
and never be noticed

Chorus

Verse 3

Take all my hunger
for all that's forbidden
Every desire
and sin I keep hidden
Search me and know me
I want to bring to You
A life that is holy
and sanctified through You

Chorus