
**Early Worship Service
– Fifth Sunday in Lent –
April 3, 2022 at 8:45am**

Welcome

Songs of Adoration: *This is Amazing Grace; Lord, I Need You*

Meditation: *At the Cross*

Mike Cox, Wes Oden, Tim McGarvey, Daryl Stevenson

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: *Who's First?*

Scripture Reading: Colossians 2:13-23

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. ¹⁶ Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. ¹⁹ They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow. ²⁰ Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: ²¹ "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? ²² These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. ²³ Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

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

Children ages 3 - Kindergarten are released for Children's Church during the time of greeting before the sermon.

Sermon: **The Triumph of the Cross**

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Song: *What a Beautiful Name*

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Emily Spateholts

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox, Mark Zachary, Linette Taylor; vocals;
Jack Smith, guitar & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. As we continue to come face to face with the cross, we are reminded of the pain of our sin, but also the glory of God's forgiveness. May our worship today lead us to confession and gratitude through the grace of Christ.

COMMUNION: As the ushers release your row, come to the front table, take a piece of bread and eat it, and a cup and drink it. Gluten-free bread is available on the communion table. Please place your empty cup in the basket as you return to your seat. If you would prefer or are unable to come to the front, we are happy to serve you in your seat or to provide a prepackaged cup of bread and juice. We practice open communion in The Wesleyan Church: all who come in faith of Christ's redeeming power are welcome. If you desire the grace of God in your life, enabling you to love God with all of your being and to love others as yourself through the Spirit in you, you are invited to receive the bread and cup of God's grace in Christ for the sins of the whole world.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING is Palm Sunday. In addition to music, scripture, prayer and sermon, palm branches will be available for the processional by our children.

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 HWC membership, contact Pastor Wes (office@hwchurch.org). He will be hosting a membership class in the next week or two.

HWC KIDS EVENTS;

- ◆ Kids Sunday School in April—*Did You Know?* Our April Memory Verse is II Peter 3: 18a
- ◆ Wednesday Kids Club: Come Children, first through sixth grade, at 6:30 pm to have a great time learning about God's love for us.
- ◆ 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 - 11 am 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!

YOUTH GROUP, SUNDAY 6-8 PM: *Never Give Up on Others* **TUESDAY, 7-8 AM** Prayer Breakfast is Back! (Community Room)

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/shorttermMissionApplicationGeneral.pdf> or picked up at the church office and returned to Pastor Paul Shea by the 15th.

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$690,194.72 / **Budget Received:** \$659,234.32

MISSION MOMENT – After a ten year need and provision, a huge replacement FM tower has just arrived via ship in Liberia for Christian radio ELWA. Alan Shea urges prayers for clearance at port and safety/success in the next month for a visiting team of engineers/workers to assemble and erect the tower before rainy season. We pray for the Gospel to reach many.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – We pray for N. Korea where Christians must hide their faith and it is illegal to worship Jesus or have a Bible. Christians still take the risk to worship in secret. But recent news comes that someone revealed a secret gathering of several dozen believers and security guards came and killed some and arrested many.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Herb Williams and his family at the death of his brother, Bob, and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Mim Case, 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 St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Belfast (Father Dennis Mancuso).

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Holy Week Events

Sunday, April 10 (Palm Sunday)

8:45 a.m.	Outdoor Worship (Palm branches)
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Indoor/Streaming Service (Palm branches)

Thursday, April 14 (Maundy Thursday)

6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
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Friday, April 15 (Good Friday)

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Journey to the Cross (church gym, come and go)
2:00 p.m.	Organ Program (Indoor/Streaming)

Sunday, April 17 (Easter)

8:45 a.m.	Outdoor Worship
9:45 a.m.	Fellowship Time (coffee and baked goods)
10:20 a.m.	Baptism Service
11:00 a.m.	Indoor/Streaming Service

This Is Amazing Grace

Verse 1

Who breaks the power
of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty
and so much stronger
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless
in awe and wonder
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Chorus

**This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for
all that You've done for me**

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos
back into order
Who makes the orphan
a son and daughter
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Verse 4

Who rules the nations
with truth and justice
Shines like the sun
in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Chorus

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave (3x)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
worthy, worthy, worthy!

Chorus

Lord I Need You

Verse 1

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep
Your grace is more
Where grace is found
is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And 'cause I cannot stand
I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And 'cause I cannot stand
I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus

What A Beautiful Name

Verse 1

You were the Word
at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

**What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ
my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus**

Verse 2

You didn't want to leave us broken
So Jesus You became a man
Our sin was great;
Your love was greater
Now we're held within Your hand

Chorus 2

**What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ
my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus**

Bridge 1

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast
of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

Bridge 2

You have no rival;
You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom;
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

**What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ
my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus**

Bridge 2

You have no rival;
You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom;
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3