



Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

11:00 SERVICE

Prelude: *Meditation on "Break Thou the Bread of Life"* John Barr

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 87: *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Who's First?

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

Prayer of Confession

Our great God and Savior, as we look to the cross, we are reminded that the victory is Yours. Sins forgiven. Death conquered. Your people redeemed, and Your Kingdom come. Though we affirm this truth, we often resist your call to embrace the cross. Forgive us Lord. In our weakness and fear, in our arrogance and apathy, lead us to the cross and into the victory of Your resurrection that we might know and experience your promised forgiveness in Christ. Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Meditation: *At the Cross*

Mike Cox, Wes Oden, Tim McGarvey, Daryl Stevenson

Scripture Reading: Colossians 2:13-23

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

Hymn 100: *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

Sermon: **The Triumph of the Cross**

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Song: *What a Beautiful Name*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Grayson Cox Scripture Reader: Sharon McGarvey

Music Ministry Team:

Mark Zachary, vocals; Jack Smith, guitar & vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Linette Taylor, keyboard & 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.

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 -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!

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 Elijah 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).

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

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