
**Early Worship Service
– Palm Sunday –
April 10, 2022 at 8:45am**

Welcome

Songs of Adoration: *Hosanna; Is He Worthy?; Seek Ye First*

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: Youth

Scripture Reading: John 11:32-40; Luke 19:37-42; Hebrews 5:7-10

John 11:32–40 32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” 38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 39 “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” 40 Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

Luke 19:37–42: 37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: 38 “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” 40 “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.” 41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 42 and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.

Hebrews 5:7–10: 7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him 10 and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

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

Sermon: **Grief and Glory. Triumph and Tears.**

Pastor Paul Shea

Song: *Knowing You*

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Heidi Huizenga

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox, Rachael McVeigh, Ethan Carr; vocals;
Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Hannah Lindo, cajón

Children's Sermon: *Jesus is King* <https://youtu.be/y371PgkaeNc>
(available April 10 at 8:00 a.m.)

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. On this day when we celebrate Christ's entry into Jerusalem amid the cheers and adulation of the crowd, we are reminded that by the end of the week he will be jeered and nailed to a cross. As we worship God with our songs and words, with our mouths and ears, with our hearts and minds, let us open ourselves to our loving Father.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Join in the church sanctuary this Thursday at 6:30 as we commemorate, through scripture, song, communion, the stripping of the church and Tenebrae, the last night of Jesus's life. We plan to stream this service as well.

GOOD FRIDAY— ORGAN PROGRAM IS INDOOR AND STREAMED AT 2:00 P.M.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! We will gather for outdoor worship at 8:45 (music, scripture, and sermon) and indoor/streaming worship (music, scripture and sermon) at 11:00. At 9:45, you are invited to a fellowship time outdoors. (We invite you to bring a dozen muffins or donuts to be shared during the fellowship time following the 8:45 service.) In addition, at 10:20 we will gather in the sanctuary for a service of baptism.

HWC KIDS EVENTS;

- ◆ No Wednesday Kids' Club this week.
- ◆ There is no Children's Church or Sunday School on Easter Sunday
- ◆ There is Nursery available on Easter Sunday for babies infant through two-years-old.

YOUTH GROUP

TODAY, 6-8PM *Never Give Up—How Hope Changes Everything*

No Youth Breakfast this week.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: 30 Hour Famine-May 6-7

THE CHURCH WELCOMES YOUR EASTER LILIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY. 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.

MISSION MOMENT – Drs. Romy and Linda Caringal reported this week on their final months of preparation for ministry to Cambodia as area team leaders and continued training of medical personnel across Asia. What a privilege to be part of their prayer and support team. May others be led to join.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Amidst the church leaders who bravely have stayed amidst the carnage, the Academic Dean of the Slavic Evangelical Seminary in Kyiv, Vitaliy Vinogradov, was slain in the Bucha slaughter. We pray for Christians mourning such losses.

STEWARDSHIP **Budget Needed:** \$706,246.76 / **Budget Received:** \$673,724.75

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Mim Case, Bob Czuppa (IJ Gildemeister's father), 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 all affected by the coronavirus—grieving, ill, healthcare professionals, the workforce at risk and leaders; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the Wellsville Full Gospel Church (Pastor David Williams).

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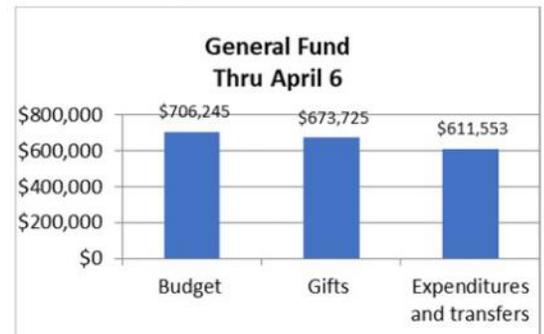
STEWARDSHIP—A Life of Generosity

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15)

Trustees Update – April 2022

Houghton Wesleyan Church is blessed to worship and gather in a beautiful, historic, nearly 100-years-old property and we do so by the generous gifts of our congregation. While it is easy to recognize noteworthy people (our custodian and assistant custodian) and projects such as the outdoor stage, new playground equipment, better parking lot lighting, an official welcome desk, family room, and more, much of what we do as a Church would not happen without all of the unseen and less glamorous necessities. Your recent gifts to the Church have enabled the Trustees to:

- Pay the salaries of the custodian and assistant custodian
- Buy kitchen, bathroom, and cleaning supplies
- Keep the lights, heat, and water on
- Make needed repairs to the roof
- Fix the windowsills in the sanctuary
- Pay for snowplowing as well as a new snowblower and mower
- Mulch, plant flowers, and spread gravel as needed
- Pay for garbage and recycling
- Ensure safety by subscribing to a monthly fire alarm service
- Maintain AEDs in both buildings
- Make it possible to have the Church van with insurance, gasoline, and repairs
- Print and mail all publications
- Buy office supplies and equipment
- Make building upgrades such as painting and flooring
- Replace tables and chairs as needed



All of these "minor" expenses allow all of our programs to run smoothly and our facility to be a welcoming place to worship. With your continued support, the Trustees look forward to exciting upcoming projects to include updating the church signage inside and out, modernizing classrooms, and making extensive renovations to the basement area. We look forward to continued stewardship of all that the Lord has provided.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 14 (Maundy Thursday)

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Indoor/Streaming)

Friday, April 15 (Good Friday)

2:00 p.m. Organ Meditation

Sunday, April 17 (Easter)

8:45 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time: Coffee, Baked Goods and Donuts (Outdoors)

10:20 a.m. Baptism Service

11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Service

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You,
we turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You,
we long for You

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
all our fears are washed away

**Hosanna, hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises**

**Hosanna, hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord
Jesus**

Hear the sound of
hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
broken lives are made new
You make us new

Chorus

Is He Worthy

Do you feel the world is broken?
We do.
Do you feel the shadows deepen?
We do.
But do you know that all the dark
won't stop the light from getting
through? We do.
Do you wish that you could see it
all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.
Is a new creation coming? It is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be
the light within our midst? It is.
Is it good that we remind
ourselves of this? It is.

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave**

**He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave
Is He worthy? Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is**

Does the Father truly love us? He does.
Does the Spirit move among us?
He does.

And does Jesus our Messiah hold
forever those He loves? He does.
Does our God intend
to dwell again with us? He does.

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?**

**The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave**

**From ev'ry people and tribe
every nation and tongue
He has made us
a kingdom and priests
to God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?**

**Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this? He is! He is!
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
He is! He is!
He is worthy! He is worthy! He is!**

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
shall be added unto You
Allelu, Alleluia!

Knowing You

Verse 1

All I once held dear
built my life upon
All this world reveres
and wars to own
All I once thought gain
I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now
compared to this

Chorus

**Knowing You Jesus
knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all, nothing less
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord**

Verse 2

Now my heart's desire
is to know You more
To be found in You
and known as Yours
To possess by faith
what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness

Chorus

Verse 3

Oh to know the pow'r
of Your risen life
And to know You
in Your sufferings
To become like You
in Your death my Lord
So with You to live and never die

Chorus