



Early Worship Service
–Fourth Sunday of Easter –
May 8, 2022 at 8:45am



Welcome

Songs of Adoration:
Blessed Assurance; Christ is Risen; Who You Say I Am

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: ***Filled With The Spirit***

Scripture Reading: John 21:15-25

15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." 16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." 17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!" 20 Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") 21 When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" 22 Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me." 23 Because of this, the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?" 24 This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. 25 Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

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

Children ages Preschool to 1st Grade can go to Children's Church

Sermon: **Do You See Yourself the Way Jesus Does?**
Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Sons and Daughters***

Benediction

Acolyte: Claire Schilke Scripture Reader: Jill Jordan

Music Ministry Team:

Joanna Bates, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals,
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

The rose on the pulpit is in celebration of the birth of Natasha Sandra Lee Babbitt,
born April 22nd to parents Brock and Sarah and big sister, Belle.

The Children's Sermon, ***Filled With The Spirit***, is available at <https://youtu.be/rfMxRNWVtjo>
on Sunday morning after 8:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. As the Easter season continues, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of our resurrection as well. On this day when we celebrate God's gift of human relationships, we give thanks for mothers and family, recognizing that all of our human relationships are rooted in our relationship as children of our heavenly Father.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Wes continues through John 21, focusing on verses 18-25 asking the question, *What's Your Focus for Life and Death?* Join us for indoor worship at 8:45 and indoor/streaming worship at 11:00. Sunday School is at 9:45.

8:45 SERVICE SURVEY: The pastoral staff is interested in your input related to decision about meeting outdoors vs. indoors. Use this link ... <https://forms.gle/hqVCLhVS2hHJQAjf7> ..to complete your survey. Thank you.

ELECTION BALLOT: The Nominating Committee has completed the ballot for this year's elections. Sample ballots are posted around the church. Online voting will begin May 16 and in-person voting will take Sunday morning, May 22. If you would like a mail-in ballot, contact the church office (office@hwchurch.org).

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL PLAN: The Elders are submitting for members approval the 2022-2023 Community Financial Plan. Copies are available today. You may also access the CFP on the church website.

STAYING CONNECTED: Pastor Wes continues sending out a weekly update on Tuesday and a video meditation on Thursday. Both can be accessed through email, text or the church website and Facebook pages. If you are not receiving these communications and would like to, please contact the church office (office@hwchurch.org) or 585-567-2264.

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$770,449.92 / **Budget Received:** \$728,875.74

MISSION MOMENT – We pray for James and Donna Zoller who depart for Egypt this week with a group from Kingswood College in Canada. They will take greetings from HWC for the 100th anniversary missed a year ago and to the new Badr City church outside Cairo, visit other churches and explore our church's future partnerships in Egypt..

GLOBAL CHURCH – Report from Cedric Rodrigo in Sri Lanka: Christians suffer along with the entire nation due to systemic corruption that has triggered unrest, protests and arrests. Yet spiritual awakening and new opportunities to serve the suffering and spread the Gospel increase. Recently 17 young people were baptized. We rejoice and pray.

HWC Kids: Sunday School: This week, kids hear about when Peter healed a woman named Tabitha. **THE BIG IDEA:** We can share the stories of God's miracles. **THE BIBLE:** Acts 9:36–43; Psalm 77:11–14

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR HWC KIDS TEAM? We've got a spot for you to join our faith-filled fun whether it's at the front of the classroom or behind-the-scenes. There is a spot for you! A description of the open roles is available in this month's Highlights or the display in the CE building. Email kidsmin@hwchurch.org for more details.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Cindy Oden, 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 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 Angelica United Methodist Church (Pastor Stephen Crowell, Sr.).