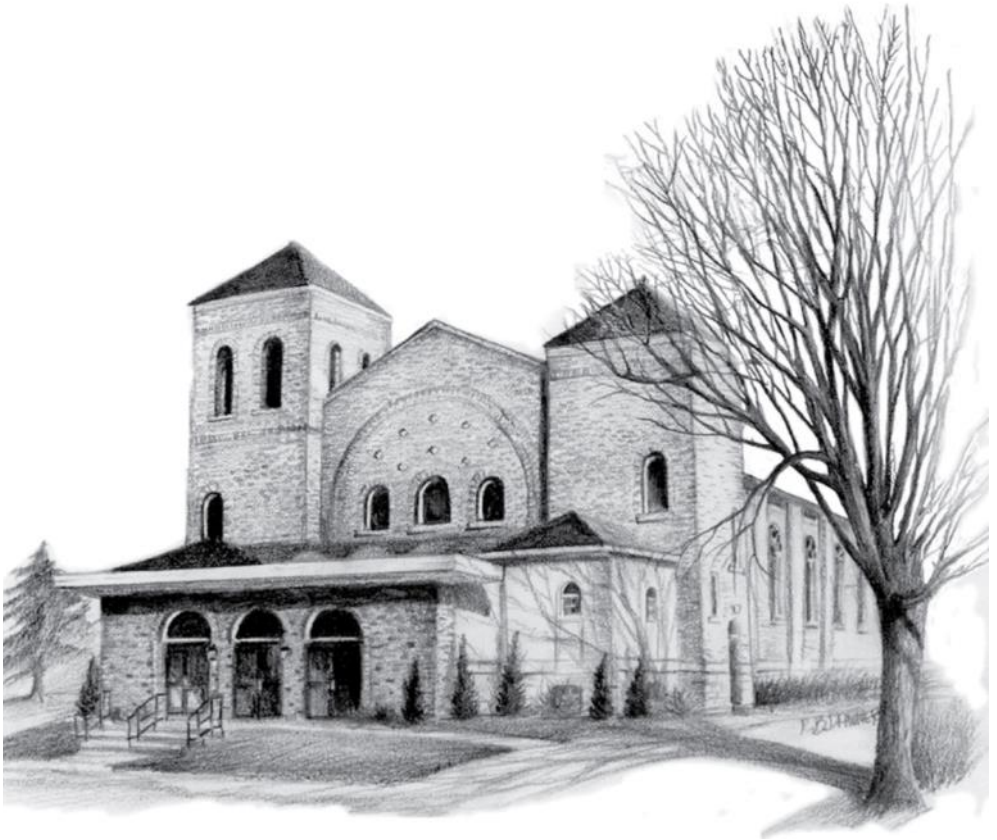




# Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 2023

11:00 A.M.

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Prelude: "O Word of God Incarnate" (tune: MUNICH) arr. J. Congdon

Welcome & Call to Worship

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life."

***Jesus also said to the people, and He says to us still today,  
"You are the light of the world."***

"A Town build on a hill cannot be hidden.

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.

Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

***"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may  
see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."***

Hymn of Praise 522: ***O Word of God Incarnate***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Kids Song: ***Jesus Saves!***

Songs of Adoration: ***May the Peoples Praise You; Si tuvieras Fe***

Time of Prayer

*Please feel free to sit, stand, kneel, or come to the altar  
as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.*

Song: ***Kabiyesi, O Hosanna!***

Children's Sermon: ***Road to Emmaus***

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-10

*(the scripture will be read in Bahasa Melayu)*

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

Offertory: *Word of God, Speak* (Millard & Kipley)

Speakers: **Joel and Barbara Trudell, SIL Africa**

Song: ***Facing a Task Unfinished***

Benediction

Postlude: "Blessed and Sent" (J. Congdon)

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**Organist:** Judy Congdon   **Acolyte:** Grayson Cox   **Scripture Reader:** Esther Tse

**Music Ministry Team:**

Josie Adenuga, Nayellis Perez, Luke Ogden, vocals; Dan Wartinger, guitar;  
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Rachel Onivogui, keyboard & vocals; Dianna Clem, flute;  
Dan Zambrano, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** We continue in the season that celebrates the great victory of God in Christ. The seven weeks of Easter season prompts us to rejoice that Christ has defeated death and that we are offered life through Him as citizens of his kingdom. Our worship today leads us to think about the Risen Christ in our lives today.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Pastor Wes will preach from Matthew 6 about *The Resurrection and Our Possessions*. Join us for worship at 8:30 and 11:00. The 11:00 service will be streamed as usual.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** Saturday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, Pastor Wes will host a membership class for all who are interested in becoming a member of HWC and for all who are interested in knowing more about membership. The class doesn't obligate you to membership, but it is one of the steps in becoming a member. If you are interested in attending the class and haven't already informed Pastor Wes, please do so by the middle of this week. The class will meet in Room 105 of the Christian Education Building (across from the church library).

**SERVICE OF LAMENT IN A WORLD OF VIOLENCE:** As we are increasingly confronted with the scourge of violence in all its many forms, part of a faithful response is to pause and intentionally grieve. On Monday, May 1, at 6:30 pm, we will hold a service of scripture, meditation, and prayer in purposeful lament for the prevalence of violence in our culture and world today.

### **HWC Kids**

Kids Connect: This week, kids will hear about Jesus joining some friends on the road to Emmaus. **BIG IDEA:** Jesus is there for me every day. **BIBLE:** Luke 24:13-35

**SPECIAL DISPLAY** – “The Unchained Word.” Directly below the front foyer of the church is a special display of Bibles that are the fruit of the labors of many of our missionaries from 1913 to the present. Take a few moments to grasp God's faithfulness with the dedicated labor of His servants. The display will be open daily 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. through next Sunday.

### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Budget Needed:** \$738,347.84 / **Budget Received:** \$740,052.15

**ANNUAL ELECTION:** The Nominating Committee has put together a ballot for this year's election of church leader. Sample ballots are posted in various places around the church. If you would like for the Nominating Committee to consider any other potential nominees, please contact Pastor Wes by Wednesday, April 26. The election of leaders will take place on Sunday May 14 (in person) and the week of May 8-14 (online).

**CHURCH WORK DAY:** We are hosting our annual work day on Saturday, May 6, 8:30 a.m. – Noon. You can stay the whole time or part of it. We will be working mostly outside and mostly sprucing up the grounds. We will supply some tools. If you have tools you can bring, be sure to label them. We will provide cinnamon rolls and coffee. Bring your children: families are welcome. It's a great time to meet new people as we work together.

**COMMUNITY PRAYER SERVICE:** On Saturday, April 29, 3:00 p.m., Houghton University and Eastern Hills Church are planning a community prayer service to pray for Kim Pegula. This event will be held at the Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church in Williamsville. Seating is limited. Free tickets are available and required to enter the event: <https://bit.ly/3oiWaqu> While all are welcome, this event is expected to reach seating capacity quickly. If you are unable to secure a ticket or attend in person, please join the live-stream of the service at <https://bit.ly/3LeDBwK>

**MISSION MOMENT**– On this day that we celebrate the power of the Scripture – “...but God's Word is not chained...” (2 Tim. 2:9b), we praise God for all who are translating, publishing, distributing and teaching God's Word. We pray for God to guide and protect those who share it in difficult circumstances. May His Word bring forth fruit.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Vesta Mullen, Terry Ayers, Scarlett Gildemeister, Kim Pegula, Mim Case, Grace Taylor, Karen Gaerte, Bill Getty, Andy Mikolajczyk (Mary Lingenfelter's brother), Denise Zambrano, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Lenore Paige, Dan and Sarah Gurley, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Crikelair; for all dealing with tragedies and disasters particularly the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria, the recent acts of violence; for refugees throughout the world; for protection, wisdom and peace in Ukraine; for a Chinese pastor who has been detained for more than a year; for Christ Episcopal Church, Cuba (Pastor Richard Hamlin).