

A scenic landscape at sunrise or sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over a range of mountains. The foreground is a field of purple flowers. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

Christ the Lord
is risen today,
ALLELUIA!



HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

10:00AM

APRIL 9, 2023

Prelude: *Prelude for Easter Day*Calvin Hampton
Dan Zambrano, cello & Judy Congdon, organ

Welcome & Call to Worship Pastor Jon Cole

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here; the Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

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He is risen indeed!

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Christ is risen indeed!

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

Thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

*Hymn 178 ***Thine is the Glory***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

*Affirmation of our Christian Faith: **The Apostles' Creed** Pastor Paul Shea

Children's Sermon Emily Spateholts

Anthem: *Risen Today*Dan Forrest
(Offering will be received during the choir anthem)

*Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12 Pastor Cindy Oden

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Songs of Adoration: ***Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed, In Christ Alone***

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord's Prayer**

Meditation: *In the First Light*Bob Kauflin

*Scripture Reading: Luke 24:35-49

Pastor David Huizenga

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Dramatic Reading: *John's Story*Deborah Fero Young
Mike Jordan, reader

*Song of Preparation: **King of Kings**

Sermon: **Do You Have Anything Here to Eat?**
Pastor Wesley Oden

*Hymn 172: **Christ the Lord is Risen Today!**

*Benediction

Postlude: *Toccata from Symphony Op 42, No. 5*..... Charles-Marie Widor
It is our Easter tradition to sit following the benediction and enjoy this particular postlude. If you prefer to leave, however, please feel free to do so.

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon **Pianist:** Sharon Johnson **Acolyte:** Violet Bates

Music Ministry Team:

Evie Cox & Mike Cox, vocals; Caleb Hilsher, guitar;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Dianna Clem, flute; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. On this highest of holy days, the church gathers to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. This is a day of victory and a day of hope. May our worship today reflect faith in our God who conquers sin and death.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Cindy will preach from 1 Kings 19, *When the Journey Is Too Much*. Join us for worship at 8:30 and 11:00. The 11:00 service will be streamed. Kids Connect, Youth Sunday School and Adult Discipleship resume at 9:45.

HWC KIDS

- Kids Connect: This week, kids hear about Jesus' death and resurrection. BIG IDEA: Jesus is alive today and every day! BIBLE: Matthew 27:45-28:10
- April Memory Verse: "He is not here; he has risen!" — Luke 24:6a (NIV)

MISSION MOMENT – We pray for a fresh outpouring of joy and hope for all of our missionary family, along with the local believers and ministries they are part of -- a wonderfully large and broad global network of Christian brothers and sisters. A recent letter from Stacia in Eastern Europe reminds us that we are a team together with our nearly three dozen workers supported by this church.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Recent first-hand reports remind us that families are separated from loved ones, (some who in prison or whose whereabouts are unknown, and reports describe that believers are forced to deny faith in Jesus or face even death! We pray that the Risen LORD will be with His followers across the world this Easter Day!

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITY: Interested in a unique, intensive, 2-evening, group Bible study of the book of Jonah? (7-10 pm on Apr 21 & 22) Ask Katrina Koehler or Pastor David for more details about *Secret Church!*

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$706,245.76 / Budget Received: \$692,403.98

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Jane Buteyn and her family at the death of her father, for Paul Rowley and family at the death of his stepfather Don Yeddo and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Jerry Brown, 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 Elijah 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 all of our area churches gathering for worship on this Easter Sunday.

HWC Missions Convention April 16-23

April 16

- Missionary Story Hour 4-5 PM in the Community Room

April 22

- Men's Breakfast 8-9 AM in the Houghton University Lennox Dining Room
- Kids Club 9:30-11 AM in the Community Room
- Women's Coffee with Barbara 2-3 PM in the Community Room

April 23

- Morning Services 8:30 & 11 AM Speakers Joel & Barb Trudell; congregation is invited to wear International attire
- Discipleship Hour, 9:45 AM Speakers Ben & Christina Hegeman
- Youth Group, 6-8 PM in the Youth Room: Come learn how the Bible is translated into other languages, and hear firsthand accounts from local missionaries

Easter flowers are placed on the altar by

- ❖ Willis & Beth Beardsley ~ *In Loving Memory of Our Parents*
- ❖ Kathie Brenneman ~ *In Loving Memory of Bruce*
- ❖ Jerry Brown and the Oden Family ~ *In Loving Memory of Alyce*
- ❖ Brubaker Family ~ *In Loving Memory of John Miller*
- ❖ Judy Hopkins ~ *In Loving Memory of Ted Hopkins from his family*
- ❖ Gloria Huizenga ~ *In Loving Memory of C. Nolan Huizenga*
- ❖ Sharon Johnson ~ *In Memory of My Parents, John and Margarette Johnson; my Grandparents, Paul and Fannie Melton & Berry Martin and Louvina Johnson; my student, Stephen H. Leslie.*
- ❖ Dean & Carmen Liddick ~ *In Loving Memory of Alton and Ruth Liddick and Gerald & Mildred Vanderveen*
- ❖ Peter & Nancy Luckey
In Loving Memory of Robert, Ruth & Daniel Luckey
- ❖ Paul Mills & Shirley Mullen Mills
In Honor of Laurence and Vesta Mullen
In Loving Memory of James & Lillian Mae Mills, Sr.
In Loving Memory of Bonnie Boggs Mills
In Loving Memory of Stephen Mills
- ❖ David & Karen Ortlip Daugherty & Family ~ *In Loving Memory of Parents W. Henty and Elizabeth Ortlip and brother and uncle to Nathan, Sean, Shannon & Lauren, David W. Ortlip,*
- ❖ Robin Pawling ~ *In Loving Memory of My Parents Shirley & Jean Pawling, Aunt Geraldine Alderman, & Aunt Deborah Alderman Wilson*
- ❖ Dick & Betty Jane Pocock ~ *In Loving Memory of Our Parents Betty & Earle Goodwin and Edith & Charles Pocock*
- ❖ Steve & Audrey Pocock ~ *In Loving Memory of Al & Esther Smith*
- ❖ Paul & Debbie Shea ~ *In Loving Memory of Our Parents and of Eila Shea*
- ❖ Mike, Emily, Sarah & Samuel Spateholts ~ *In Loving Memory of Avi*
- ❖ Bill & Jayne Swanson ~ *In Loving Memory of Our Parents*
- ❖ Paul & Debbie Young
In Loving Memory of Dr. & Mrs. Homer Fero & Dick Fero
- ❖ The Zambrano Family
In Loving Memory of beloved Son & Brother William Jorge Zambrano