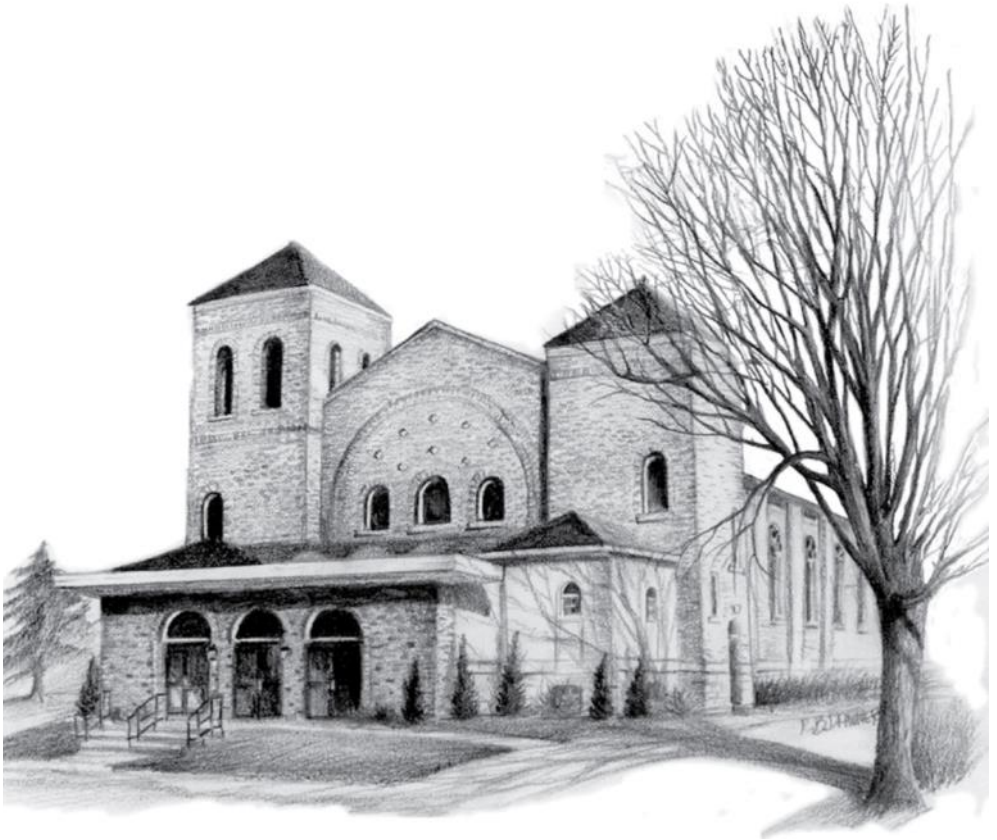




# Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

DAVID HUIZENGA, *Discipleship and College Pastor*

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PAUL SHEA, *Volunteer Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023

11:00 A.M.

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Prelude: Paean (Hymn of Praise) Robert Lau

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 335: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Songs of Adoration:

*Remember; A Thousand Hallelujahs; Arise, My Soul, Arise*  
(Offering will be received during the third song)

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them. We confess our sins as a church—hesitating to love one another, to forgive one another, to give ourselves to one another like Christ. Father, forgive us. Send the Holy Spirit upon us as you did your disciples, that he may give us power to live as you have called us to live. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 96

*The scripture will be read in Toma.*

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

Hymn 423: *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*

Sermon: **I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *By Our Love*

Benediction

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**Organist:** Judy Congdon **Acolyte:** Addie Boon **Scripture Reader:** Jean Onivogui

**Music Ministry Team:**

Kristen Sanasith, Mike Jordan, vocals; Caleb Hilsher, guitar;

Rachel Onivogui, keyboard & vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;

Dianna Clem, flute; Nico Seddio, cajón

**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 David will be speaking from Matthew 17: 1-13, "The Transfiguration Transforms Us Too." Join us for worship at 8:30 and 11:00. Discipleship Hour for children, youth and adults is 9:45.

**ELECTION BALLOT:** Today is the last day for members to cast a ballot for our church leaders to respond to the Community Financial Plan proposal. The online ballot and paper ballots are available in the lower foyer of the sanctuary. All voting will end at 12:30pm today.

**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](mailto:office@hwchurch.org)) or 585-567-2264.

## **HWC KIDS**

- Kids Connect: This week, kids learn about Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit. BIG IDEA: God gives everyone a mission. BIBLE: John 14:15-21
- May Memory Verse: "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self discipline."—2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)
- Kid Club: Last one of the school year on Saturday, May 20th from 9:30-11am. Join us for a "heroic" morning!

**MISSION MOMENT**— We continue to pray for the unstable conditions in Haiti, now reaching the island of LaGonave, 10 miles off the mainland where several hundred thousand people also face shortages and the creeping unrest. We pray for our churches and the Wesleyan Hospital which serves so many and trains nurses. Supplies are hard to come by.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Persecution is real! This month, reliable reports tell that the inhabitants of 50 villages in Northern Benin have had to flee under the attack of jihadists who have brutally killed 17 and kidnapped 37 others. This is a region where Dr. Hegeman's former students have evangelized and planted churches. Let us continue to pray for God's intervention and mercy.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

**Budget Needed: \$786,500.96 / Budget Received: \$788,811.67**

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **June 4-11**

- **8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship**
- **9:45 a.m. Discipleship Hour**
- **11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship**

### **June 18 – September 3**

- **8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship**
- **10:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship**

### **September 10 – October 29**

- **8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship**
- **9:45 a.m. Discipleship Hour**
- **11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship**

**PRAYER CONCERNS: PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Darwin and Fauhn Schierer, 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 Hess Road Wesleyan Church, Lockport (Pastor Matt Rose).