Houghton
Wesleyan Church

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MISSIONS SUNDAY

8:30AM APRIL 19, 2026

Welcome & Call to Worship (from Psalm 67)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us –
so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.
May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you!
May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples
with equity and guide the nations of the earth.
May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you!

Songs of Adoration:
May the Peoples Praise You; Si tuvieras fe; Jalali Yesu
(Offering will be received during the third song)

Time of Prayer

Prayer Response: ***Speak, O Lord***

Scripture Reading: John 4:1-15

Life of the Church

Greeting One Another
Children Grades PreK Through 1st Grade are released for Children's Church

Sermon: **The Water of Life**
Rev. Jenn Petersen

Facing a Task Unfinished

Benediction

Acolyte: Micah Mulema **Scripture Reader**: Luke Ogden

Musicians:
Indigo Knapp, Mike Jordan, vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;
Dan Wartinger, bass; David Clem, viola; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. We are glad you are worshiping with us today as we highlight our annual Global Missions Weekend. Services today culminate our weekend focus on sharing the Water of Life. May our worship today reflect our desire to help bring Life to a thirsty world.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING is our annual Youth Sunday. Pastor Jon and many of our Youth will lead our services and share their future plans and goals. Come support and enjoy their efforts. We will gather for worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am, with the latter being streamed.

LISTENING WELL! continues this Wednesday. The second of the three-week skill-building sessions will begin at 6:30 in the **Good Shepherd Room** under the sanctuary. Week one was an exploration of listening well to the "World around us." This week we will engage in interactive conversations about listening to the "Word of God." Each session stands alone, so if you missed the first you will still benefit from this week's gathering.

HWC KIDS

• This week in Kids Connect, kids investigate the story of how a stranger on the Road to Emmaus was actually Jesus. BIG IDEA: The Bible reveals who Jesus is. BIBLE: Luke 24:13–35; Mark 9:2–13
• April Memory Verse: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." — Romans 5:8 (NIV)
• Preteen Hangout (Sunday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.).

CHURCH WORK DAY: We are hosting our annual work day on Saturday, April 25, 8:30 a.m. – Noon. You can stay the whole time or part of it. We will be working both inside and outside, 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, donuts, and coffee. Families are welcome. It's a great time to meet new people as we work together.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: $788,385.78 **Monies Received:** $741,705.56

YOUTH

- Today 9:45-10:45 we join the Global Mission Convention in the Community Room
- Youth Group Tonight 6-8 we join the recent NEXT Team
- Wednesday morning at 7 join us in the Community Room for pancakes, prayer and connection before school.

WALK FOR LIFE, May 2, 10 a.m. – noon, join our local in-person Walk for Life at Houghton Wesleyan Church, ending with a celebration lunch at noon at the firehall for the whole family. Our 2026 goal is to raise enough to help CompassCare serve 15 women. Register at CompassCareWalk.com and join team ***Houghton Wesleyan***.

MISSION MOMENT: Leah – Wycliffe – Praise for recent work accomplished and planning for next phases reviewing passages from the book of Acts. Leah requests prayer for ongoing projects, drafting and checking Acts, producing Bible stories for Sunday School, working with translation teams in the distribution of Mark, and for the team's health and focus.

PERSECUTED CHURCH: Easter, a time of joy and celebration, turned into mourning for a group of Christians on an early morning sunrise procession in Punjab, Pakistan. A speeding truck plowed into the group, injuring 60 and killing one man. Pray for his family and healing of the injured. Pray for the driver and justice in the case as the safety of religious minorities needs to be protected.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the Ben King family and all who are grieving the loss of a loved one; for all with health concerns: Karyn Perrine, Terry Ayers, Karen and Ken Gaerte, Harold Blew, Nathan Danner, David Pullen, Jane Allen, James Bates, Scarlett Gildemeister, Linda Leax, Gary Wickard, Beth Pocock, Kim Pegula, Cameron Green, Dan and Sarah Gurley, Chelsea Ellis, Mark Mayhle, Jeshu, Kurtis, and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, and Emily Crikelair; for anguished refugees and displaced persons in the U.S. and across the world; for wisdom and peace to prevail in war-torn Ukraine, Iran, and the Middle East, and many other places of unrest and disruption; and for the New Hope Assembly of God Church, Fillmore.

Sunday Morning Prayer and Praise