

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP  
MARCH 14, 2010

Prelude: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!* .....Manz

\*Call to Worship

You were not redeemed with perishable things such as silver or gold,  
*But with the blood of a Lamb, unblemished and spotless.*  
Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,  
*Yet we considered Him stricken by God,  
smitten by Him, and afflicted.*  
But He was pierced for our transgressions,  
He was crushed for our iniquities;  
*The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him,  
and by His wounds we are healed.*

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 97 *Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners*

Passing the Peace  
God's peace be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Life of the Church

Prayer of Confession

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 33: 12-23 (page 87)

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

Anthem: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* .....arr. Martin

\*New Testament Reading: Luke 10: 25-37 (page 1028)

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

\*Hymn *Speak, O Lord* (see insert)

Sermon: **Loving our Neighbor**  
Pastor Wesley Oden

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors)

*Please feel free to stand or kneel at the altar rail as an indication  
of a need for which you are praying in your own life or in the life of another.*

\*Doxology *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Children's Story

\*Hymn 434 *Our God is Love, and All His Saints*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude: *Ah, Holy Jesus, How hast Thou Offended?* .....Brahms

\*Please stand if able  
Organist: Eileen DeBoer

Worship Leader: Shirley Mullen  
Acolyte: Tara Beardsley

Children's Worship bulletins are available in the church foyer for ages 3-12.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:**

Children will go directly to Children's Church this morning. The children will come back to the worship service after the sermon for a children's story.

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Jesus tells many parables in order to help people understand His life and message. No parable is more famous than the Good Samaritan. It is familiar, but is it impinging upon our lives? This morning, on the Fourth Sunday in Lent, this parable presents us with another facet of how the Cross leads us to love God and others.

**IF YOU ARE A GUEST HERE TODAY,** we welcome you. We are glad that you are here. Please fill out a guest card located in the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the offering plate when it is passed.

**TONIGHT** small groups continue meeting in community homes and at the church.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30** AWANA Puggles & Cubbies, Girls' AWANA & Boys' AWANA Club meet. Pastor Wes leads the prayer group that meets in the sanctuary.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** On the Fifth Sunday in Lent we will be encouraged to loving prayer for the global church. Gathering for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00, Pastor Todd will speak to us concerning our connection and involvement with the church around the world..

**NEXT SUNDAY EVENING SMALL GROUPS** continue meeting.

**EASTER BAPTISM:** If you are interested in being baptized at the 7:45 a.m. Resurrection Service on Easter morning, please contact one of the pastors today or the church office by tomorrow noon.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** Library, Monday, 4:00 PM  
Elders, Monday, 6:30 PM, Room 105

**SHORT TERM MISSION APPLICATIONS** for Financial Assistance are available in the folder outside the church office. Please return before Monday, March 29.

## YOUTH NEWS

Sun HSM – 6:00 PM at Allyson Murphy's house  
Tues Prayer Breakfast - 7:00am Community Room  
Wed MSM – 6:30-8:00 PM

**UPCOMING: MARCH 26 SPRING FLING** All night long (\$35)

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NEWS FOR INVESTORS	Last Week	Fiscal Year
Offerings Received	\$ 14,567	\$ 519,956
Budget Needed	\$ 13,612	\$ 544,480
Difference +/-	+ \$ 955	— \$ 24,524

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for those among us who have experienced a recent death; for people with health concerns: Jo Middleton (Pastor Laurie's mother), Birdie Pomeroy (Rich Reynolds's mother), Vangie Grant, Clarence Wagonblott (Audra Beardsley's father), Jenna Koppen, Crystal Blake, Bonnie MacBeth, Pierce Samuels, Emily Crikelair, John Johnson (Sharon Johnson's father), and Louis Case (Jon Case's father); for the people of Haiti and others facing the effects of natural disasters, famine and war, and for the prayer vigil through which God would challenge us to be people of prayer.

**PRAYER VIGIL:** We are now more than half way through our Lenten Prayer Vigil, contemplating how we may lovingly pray for each other. You may reserve an hour today in the sanctuary upper foyer or the Christian Education Building foyer, go online anytime ([hwcpayerroom.wordpress.com](http://hwcpayerroom.wordpress.com)) or contact the church office (567-2264). You may also follow Pastor Wes on *Twitter* ([www.twitter.com/pastorwesoden](http://www.twitter.com/pastorwesoden)) and respond to his weekly blogs and leave prayer concerns and praises on the prayer website ([www.hwcpayerroom.wordpress.com](http://www.hwcpayerroom.wordpress.com)).

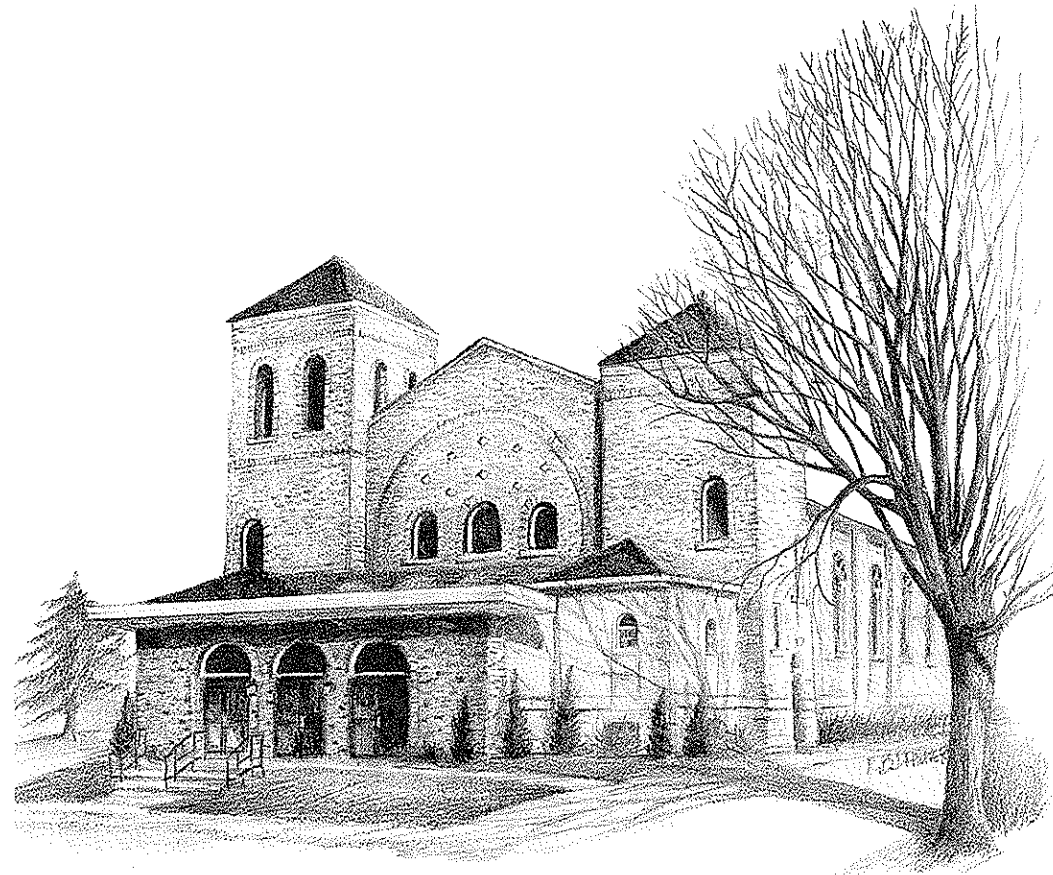
Each week of prayer vigil we are encouraging you to focus your prayers and love on different persons.

February 17-27: Loving Prayer for Ourselves  
February 28 – March 6: Loving Prayer for Our Family  
March 7-13: Loving Prayer for Our Church  
March 14-20: Loving Prayer for Our Neighbor  
March 21-27: Loving Prayer for the Global Church  
March 28 – April 4: Loving Prayer for the World in Need

*Please note that a few elements of the prayer room are changing with each week's theme.*



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*  
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