

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP  
MAY 17, 2009

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*As the prelude begins, let us observe silence as we prayerfully anticipate this hour of corporate worship of Almighty God.*

Prelude: *Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père*....Olivier Messiaen

The prelude is the first of Messiaen's Four Symphonic Meditations for Ascension Day, and its title might be translated "Our Lord Christ praying that the Father should glorify him."

Messiaen placed in the score, underneath the title of the movement, a verse from the gospel of John (17:1): "Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee."

The music he wrote to express the power of Jesus' prayer is slow and majestic, making frequent use of momentary silences and punctuating the musical phrases with major triads.

Chime Introit: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Children's Choir Chimes, directed by Krista Roorbach

\*Call to Worship

Jesus Christ has come into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to Him.

*Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven – Jesus, the Son of God – let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.*

*Let us praise His holy name!*

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

*Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength be to our God forevermore!*

Alleluia, amen!

*Alleluia!*

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 184 *God is Gone Up On High*

Life of the Church

Infant Dedication: Jordan Anne Speta

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 68: 1-19 (page 570)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God!*

\*Hymn 567 *Gloria Patri*

*"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*

*World without end. Amen, Amen."*

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Daniel*

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

\*New Testament Reading: Acts 1:1-11 (page 1077)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God!*

\*Hymn 182 *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

Sermon: **We've Been Left Behind...and That's a Good Thing**  
Pastor Wesley Oden

The Lord's Supper

\*Hymn 183 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Processional on "With Glad, Exuberant Carolings".....* Judy Congdon

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\*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Pastor Todd Leach

Acolyte: JonDavid Nichols

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

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Children ages 2-5 go directly to Children's Church prior to the service. Children's Church meets in room 116 on the first floor of the Christian Education building.

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The goodness of God is eternal. His love for us is never limited by anything within us or outside of us. During this hour of worship let's open our hearts to His unending love so that we might be people who love others as He loves us.

**FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS** are located at the outside end of each pew. Please take a moment to add your name to the list then pass it to the person next to you. **If you are at the end of the row, please tear off the sheet for your row and place it in the offering plate when it is passed.** Thank you.

**TONIGHT AT 6:00:** "Testify," a group from Bethany Bible College, will be singing and leading us in worship. Please join us for this special event.

**WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.** the prayer group will meet in the Youth Room (directly below the sanctuary) for prayer.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** you are invited to worship at 8:30 or 11:00. The Rev. Neil Koppen, our District Superintendent, will be preaching.

**NEXT SUNDAY EVENING AT 6:00 P.M.** Chris and Melissa George, missionaries to Australia, will be sharing.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** Elders, Monday, 6:30 p.m., Room 105

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES** - in the upcoming months we have many ministry opportunities in our Sunday School and Children's Church ministries. Please fill out one of the blue volunteer sign-up forms which are available in the church and Christian Education foyers. Then you may give the form to one of the pastors, an usher, or drop it off at the church office. Thank you.

#### YOUTH NEWS

**Tuesday**, Youth Breakfast, 7 a.m., Community Room

**Wednesday**, Youth Group, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

**"Do-nothing Retreat"** May 29-30<sup>th</sup> Get permission slips and info on the website or at youth group!

#### OUR FAMILY IN MINISTRY: Alan and Cheri Shea (SIM, SIM-TEC, HCJB)

Alan is working with HCJBs Global Technology Center in Broadcast Services where he advises and assists in new radio station setup. He has recently traveled to Liberia and Belize to repair, replace, design, and/or build components of their radio transmission systems. Cheri is busy at home with their first-born son Adam! Please be in prayer for their financial situation as they are in need of additional supporters.

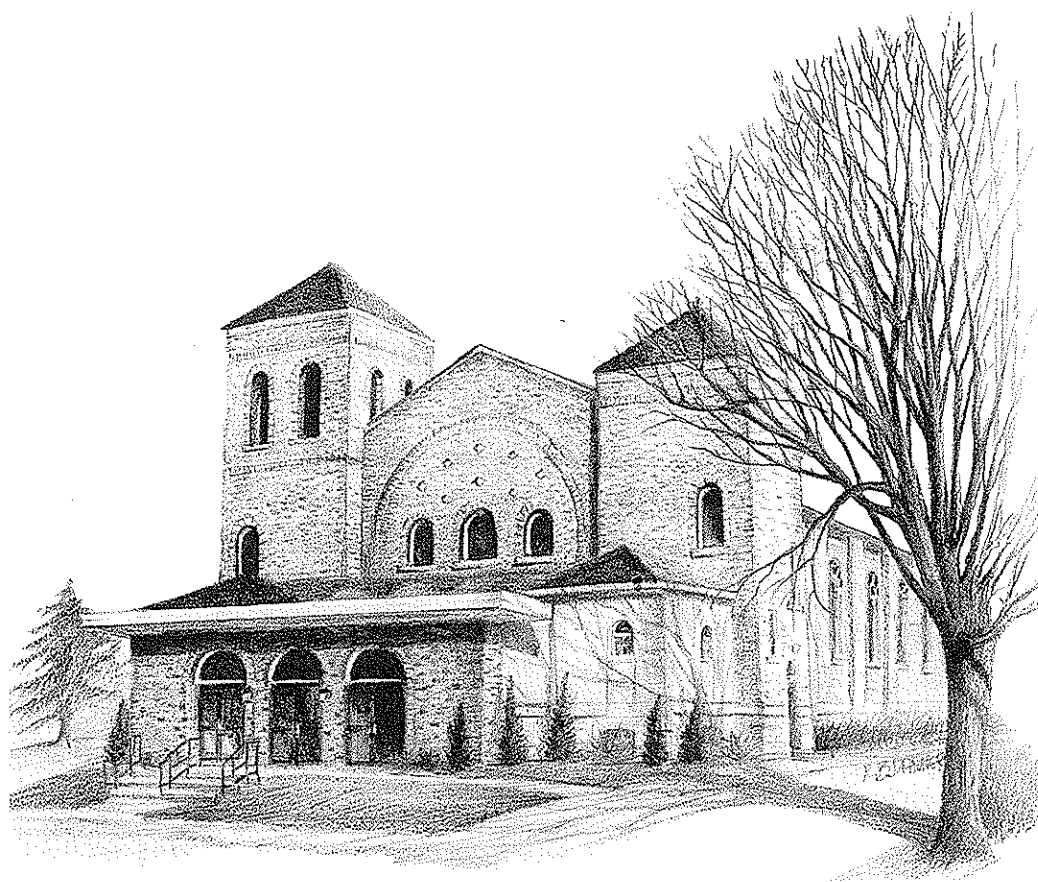
**ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION:** The Annual Meeting of the Houghton Wesleyan Church is **Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 p.m.** We will approve a budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, elect leaders for the year ahead and hear reports from the Elders, Trustees, and pastoral staff. In order to help us better pray and prepare, sample ballots are posted in both the sanctuary and Christian Education building foyers. Copies of a simplified budget (cost-saving measure) are available on the table in each foyer as well; please feel free to take a copy with you. We are glad to provide copies of the full budget, which is available on the church website ([www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org)) or through the church office. Your questions and comments are welcomed. Please contact David Lewis or Pastor Wes concerning the budget; contact Pastor Wes concerning the ballot or other items related to the Annual Meeting.

NEWS FOR INVESTORS	Last Week	Fiscal Year
Offerings Received	\$ 11,947	\$ 656,568
Budget Needed	\$ 13,354	\$ 667,700
Difference +/-	—\$ 1,407	—\$ 11,132

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all among us and all connected to us who are grieving; for those who have health concerns: Marie Martin (Troy's mother), Meredith Kellogg, Phyllis Osgood, Rolland Fletcher, Al Smith, John Johnson (Sharon Johnson's father), Isobel Alexander, Pierce Samuels, Emily Crikelair, Richard Schmidt (Karl's father), and Louis Case (Jon Case's father); for people who are need of work; for our local, county, state and national leaders; and for the leaders of the nations of the world.



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*  
 TODD LEACH, *Assistant Pastor*  
 JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*  
 CINDY ODEN, *Discipleship Pastor*  
 AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*  
 LAURIE SMALLEY, *Volunteer Pastor for Outreach*