

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

MISSIONS SUNDAY

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

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

Prelude: *Here I Am, Lord* .....Dan Schutte, arr. John Carter

\*Call to Worship (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.

*The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.*

*May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.*

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 491 *Make Us, O God, a Church that Shares*

\*Words of Greeting and Peace

Ministry Spotlight: Royal Family Kids Camp

Anthem: *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* .....Don Muro

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 96

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

\*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Meditation on "How Great Thou Art"*

Tune by Stuart Hine, Setting by John Carter

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, who has created all people, we acknowledge that we do not see as you do people who are different from us. We confess that we struggle with bias and prejudice toward people whose skin color is different from ours, whose nationality is different from ours, whose language is different from ours, whose perspective about life is different from ours, whose experiences are different from ours. Forgive us for our sin of arrogance that blinds us to the unique blessing of others. Open our eyes to see each other as you see. Fill us with joy and gratitude for all of the different ways in which you create us and love us. Through Christ. Amen.

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

*Please feel free to use the altar as your place of prayer as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.*

*If kneeling is difficult for you, please use the red chairs or stand by the altar rail.*

Song of Preparation: ***Here I Am, Lord***

Selected New Testament Readings

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

\*Hymn 496 *Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak*

Sermon: **Why the Great Commission is Still Great**

Dr. Don Little

\*Hymn *Facing a Task Unfinished* (see insert; words can also be found in Hymn 492)

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 557* .....attr. J. S. Bach

\*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Jessica Romance

Acolyte: Eleanor Reitnour

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

**Nursery:** We provide a fully staffed nursery for infants up to two years of age.

The Nursery is located on the first floor of the C E Building.

**Children's Church:** Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon for Children's Church: 2 and 3 year olds meet in room 116; 4-5 year olds in room 115 in the Christian Education Building.

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** To be a follower of Christ is to care about the world—the world far beyond us and the world near to us. On this Missions Convention weekend, may God give us a renewed sense of compassion and grace for the world.

**WE WELCOME IN THE PULPIT TODAY DR. DON LITTLE** who wears many hats--formerly *Pioneers* missionary with wife Jeanie in North Africa and a mission administrator in Canada, adjunct professor of the Christian Study of Islam at Houghton College, co-founder and Director of the Lilius Trotter Center, author (*Effective Discipling in Muslim Communities*, IVP 2015), and editor. Though well known around the globe in mission circles, the Littles are members, Don an elected Elder at Houghton Wesleyan, and active friends and servants in our community.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30** you are invited to an Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary. This service is a time of contemplation, prayer, hymns and the imposition of ashes to remind us of our sin and Christ's sacrifice.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** is the First Sunday in Lent. Pastor Wes begins a Lenten series on The Shadow of the Cross. Next Sunday's sermon, *The Shadow of the Cross Reveals Our Hearts*, is from John 19. We gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00.

**KIDS CLUB THIS WEEK:** Our Annual Buddy Keith Memorial Grand Prix race will take place on March 21st. If you have children Kindergarten through 6th grade who would like to participate, please let Pastor Laurie know by Wednesday, Feb 14th so we can get you what you need for the race. (If your child attends Kid's Club, they will receive their kits on Wednesday night.)

**SUNDAY SERMONS ON THE INTERNET:** Access the Sunday sermon on the church website ([www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org)) or on iTunes ([www.itunes.com](http://www.itunes.com)). The services are available on iTunes by late Sunday afternoon and on our website by late Monday.

**LIVE STREAMING:** All of our worship services are live streamed through the church website and through streaming devices (AppleTV, Roku, etc.). If you use Roku, you will need to find the services on our new Roku app. Search for Houghton Wesleyan Church. Our new app will enable easier access.

**HISTORICAL BOOKS:** At the celebration of Houghton Wesleyan's sesquicentennial in 2002, we published a history book of our church. Since much has changed and transpired over the past 15 years, we have updated and published a revised edition of the 2002 edition. This 24-page book provides a brief overview of our denomination and a longer history of the Houghton congregation. If you have been around for a while, you will connect with many of the articles and pictures. If you are relatively new to the church, this book will familiarize you with the colorful history of this town and this church. The books are available in the church office or in the sanctuary foyer. The books are free, but donations would help to defray the printing costs.

**MISSION MOMENT** – We are called to fulfill the *Great Commission* by God's Spirit until Christ returns. That is why we support a cadre of great people near and far who are our feet, hands and lips to show Christ's love. We pray today for all these people and ministries including those who are with us here today.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** - We forget that God is doing His work in the very places where Christians are most opposed. Let us pray for answers to the prayers of his saints for faith, courage, and bold witness. And let us give God praise for reports of the growing church in many corners of the world..

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Tim Nichols, Bob Brown, Louise Prinsell, Hudson Hess, Nancy Cole, Brian Orbaker (Charlie and Connie Smith's son-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter, Ellis Brotzman, Chuck Barrett (Wendy Ott's brother), Sheryl O'Brien, Ben King, Doris Essepian, Eila Shea, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Bill Getty, Ella Woolsey, Mike Raybuck, Bev Rhett, Micah Christensen, Linda Roth, Emily Crikelair; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our nation; and for Rushford Baptist Church (Pastor Jonathon Finley).



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wholeheartedly serving others*



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# Facing a Task Unfinished

(We Go To All the World)

Original Words: Frank Houghton,  
Original Music: Samuel Wesley  
New Words and Music: Keith Getty,  
Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash and Fionán de Barra

With Great Passion ♩ = 116

C C G<sup>sus</sup> G F G C C/E

1. Fac - ing a task un - fin - ished, that drives us to our knees. A need that, un - di -  
 2. Where oth - er lords be - side Thee hold their un - hin - dered sway; where for - ces that de -  
 3. We bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the hands of those who gave their lives pro -  
 4. O Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spi - rit who in - spired, Sav - iour, whose love con -

F Dm<sup>7</sup> G/B C F C/E

min - ished, re - bukes our sloth - ful ease. We, who re - joice to know Thee, re -  
 fied Thee, de - fy Thee still to - day. With none to heed their cry - ing for  
 claim - ing That Je - sus died and rose. Ours is the same com - mis - sion, the  
 strained them to toil with zeal un - tired. From cow - ar - dice de - fend us, from

11 Am Dm<sup>7</sup> C/G C/F F Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>sus</sup> G

new be - fore Thy throne the so - lemn pledge we owe Thee - to go and make Thee  
 life, and love, and light, un - num - bered souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the  
 same glad mess - age ours; fired by the same am - bi - tion, to Thee we yield our  
 leth - ar - gy a - wake! Forth on Thine er - rands send us to la - bour for Thy

1. C F/A F C Refrain

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 2. Where powers.} sake.  
 3. We  
 4. O

21 G G/F C G G/F C F G

go to all the world, with king - dom hope un - furled. No oth - er name has

3rd time to CODA ⊕

26 Em<sup>7</sup> Am Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7sus</sup> C

power to save but Je - sus Christ The Lord.

30 F/A F D.S. 8

3. We  
 4. O

⊕ CODA Last Refrain  
 Cadd<sup>9</sup> G G/F C Dm C/E

Lord. We go to all the world, His

35 G G/F C F G Em<sup>7</sup> Am Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7sus</sup>

king - dom hope un - furled. No oth - er name has power to save but Je - sus Christ The

40 C F/A F C<sup>5</sup>

Lord.