

HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

10:00 MORNING WORSHIP

APRIL 1, 2018

Prelude: *Prelude on "Easter Hymn"*Noel Rowsthorne
Prelude for Easter DayCalvin Hampton
Dan Zambrano, cello

Choral Introit: *Joy Fills the Morning*Antonio Lotti

*Call to Worship Pastor Jon Cole

Leader: Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here; the Lord is risen!

Men: He is risen indeed!

Leader: The Lord is risen!

Women: He is risen indeed!

Leader: The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Women: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

All: Thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

*Hymn 178 *Thine is the Glory*

*Words of Greeting and Peace

*Affirmation of our Christian Faith: **The Nicene Creed** Pastor Paul Shea

Anthem: *Christ is Risen! It is Finished!*.....Mark Hijleh

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 Pastor Laurie Smalley

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

*Offertory ***Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!
In Christ Alone***

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

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

Ministry in Music: *More than Ever*William Gaither, Woody Wright
Men's Ensemble

*Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:62-28:10 Pastor Cindy Oden

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Dramatic Reading: *Mary Speaks* Deborah Fero Young

Sermon: **When the Earth Shakes** Pastor Wesley Oden

*Hymn 172 ***Christ the Lord is Risen Today!***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Toccata from Symphony No. 5*Charles-Marie Widor

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Acolyte: Emma Beardsley

Music Ministry Team:

Jeff Babbitt, Kingsley Kolek, Robin Pawling, vocals;

Dave Buteyn, guitar; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Jan Schilke, keyboard;

Dan Zambrano, cello; Dan Wartinger, bass; Dustin Woodard, drums

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 Christian Education 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. On this highest of holy days, the church gathers to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. This is a day of victory and a day of hope. May our worship today reflect faith in our God who conquers sin and death.

OFFICE HOURS: The church office will be closed tomorrow for the Easter holiday.

NO KIDS CLUB THIS WEEK. WE RESUME MEETING APRIL 11.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we continue in the Season of Easter. During the 50 days of Easter, Pastor Wes will be preaching about how the new heaven and earth to come gives us hope for life today. Next Sunday's sermon addresses our freedom to be like Jesus—then and now (Colossians 3:1-4). We gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00.

FUNERAL AND VISITATION: The funeral service for Ella Woolsey is Saturday, April 7, at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Visitation will take place on Friday evening at Kopley-Williams Funeral Home in Fillmore from 6-8 p.m. and at the church for an hour on Saturday prior to the funeral service.

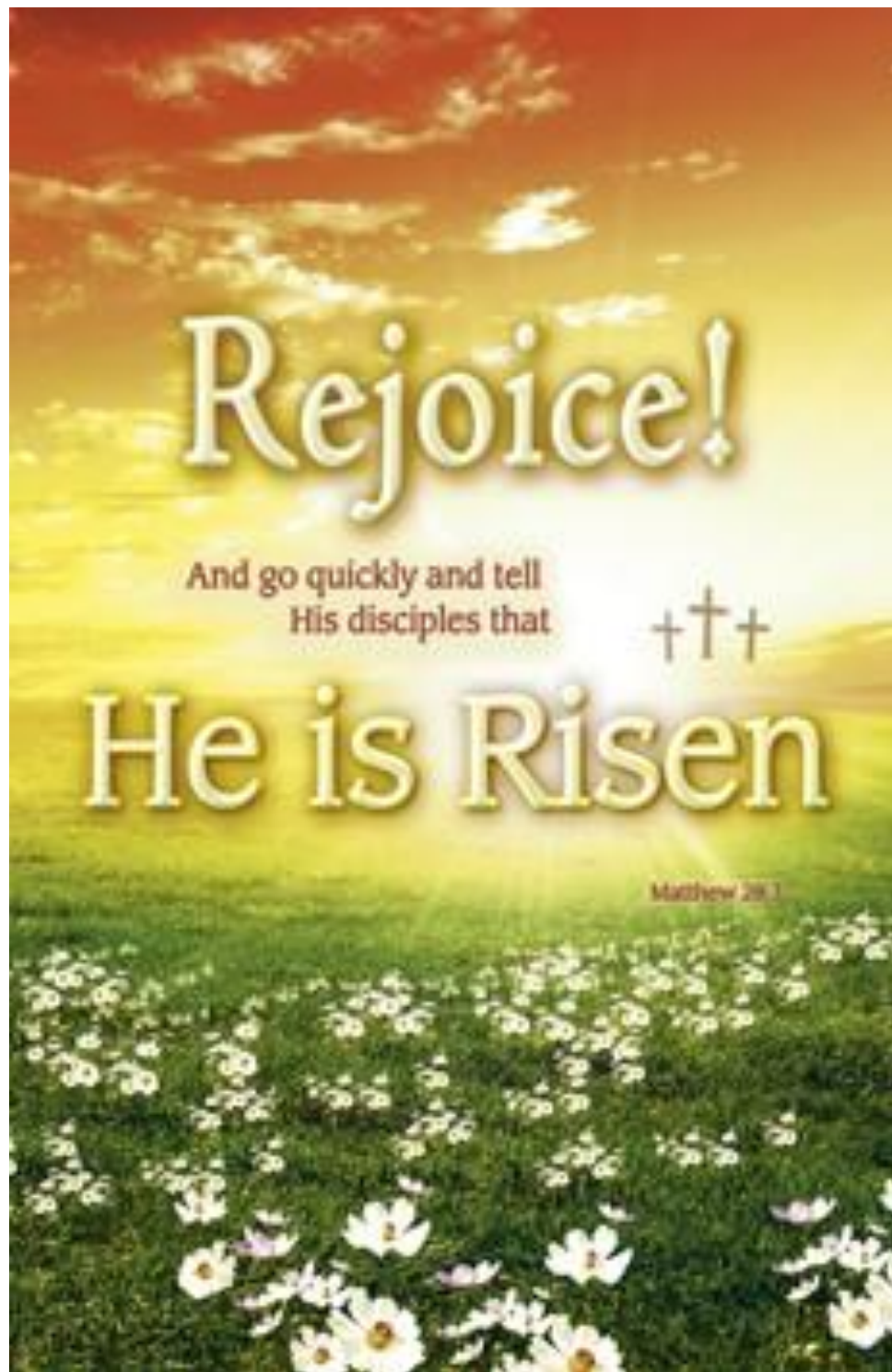
MISSIONARY MOMENT – We appreciate our retired missionaries including Hudson Hess, retired with wife, Lucy, and daughter Brenda and family in VA. He continues to need our prayers as he fights cancer. The Hesses worked for years in Haiti and are still prayer warriors for God's work worldwide.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Pray for perseverance and courage for Christians and especially pastors in Zanzibar. The government of the semi-autonomous island encourages concerted efforts to drive out Christians. Arabic and Islamic studies are required in all schools. New church construction is prohibited.

PASTOR WES'S BLOG: Pastor Wes posts a new blog most Wednesdays. You may subscribe on the church website (www.hwchurch.org) in order to receive an email each week when the blog is posted.

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the families of Ella Woolsey and Gerry Alderman and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Rolland Fletcher, Leonard Watson, Florence Teuber, Roselyn Danner, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Tim Nichols, Bob Brown, Louise Prinsell, Hudson Hess, Nancy Cole, Brian Orbaker (Charlie and Connie Smith's son-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter, Chuck Barrett (Wendy Ott's brother), Sheryl O'Brien, Ben King, Doris Essepien, Eila Shea, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Bill Getty, 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 all area churches as we celebrate Easter.



Pastoral Call Vote April 15

It is again our privilege and responsibility to call our Senior Pastor for another term of service. The Board of Elders, after meeting with the District Superintendent, unanimously recommends to the congregation an “extended call” to Pastor Wes Oden.

Pastor Wes Oden has graciously served as our senior pastor for 22 years. Every 4 years, the church elders review Wes’ service as our pastor, and make a recommendation to the church membership for continued service. Up to this point, the church has voted to offer successive four-year calls to Pastor Wes. This year marks the conclusion of Wes’ most recent four-year call to our church.

In accordance with the procedures outlined in The Wesleyan Discipline, the Elders met on March 20, 2018 with the District Superintendent and discussed a lengthy evaluative review of Pastor Wes and voted unanimously to recommend to the church membership an “extended call” of service to our church. Slightly different from a 4-year call, an extended call means that four years from now, the church Elders will meet again with the district superintendent to determine Wes’ continued service. Pending the Elders review at that time, the vote for continued service will not need to go before the church membership, but rather will be determined by the local Elders. The Elders will still have the prerogative at that point to take a recommendation to the church membership if deemed necessary, but would not be required to do so. This process would then repeat every 4 years.

The congregational vote by church members will take place around each morning service on April 15. The Elders encourage you to commit this to prayer and then be in attendance to vote. Absentee ballots are available for those who will be away from Houghton and can be obtained at the church office. Absentee ballots must be returned to the church office by Friday, April 13, at 5:00 p.m. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Matthew Webb, Vice Chair, Board of Elders



Easter flowers are placed on the altar by

- ❖ The Allen & Alagrin Family
In Loving memory of Bill
- ❖ Cindy Austin and Robin Pawling
In memory of our aunt Geraldine Howard Alderman
- ❖ The Boon Family
In loving memory of Ken
- ❖ The Brenneman and Beardsley Family
In Loving Memory of Bruce
- ❖ Jerry Brown and the Oden Family
In Loving Memory of Alyce
- ❖ Judy Hopkins & Family
In Loving Memory of Ted
- ❖ The Hutton Family
In Loving Memory of Lindol & Ruth
- ❖ Peter & Nancy Luckey
In Loving Memory of Robert, Ruth & Daniel Luckey
- ❖ Paul & Shirley (Mullen) Mills
In Loving Memory of James "Pop" & Lillian Mills
In Loving Memory of Bonnie Mills
In Honor of Laurence & Vesta Mullen
- ❖ Robin Marie Pawling
In Loving Memory of my mother Jean Alderman Pawling
- ❖ Steve & Audrey Pocock
In Loving Memory of Al & Esther Smith
- ❖ Paul & Debbie Shea
In Loving Memory of Our Parents
- ❖ Bill & Jayne Swanson
In Loving Memory of Russell & Helen Swanson (Bill's parents)
In Loving Memory of Clyde & Shirley Maugans (Jayne's parents)
- ❖ The Woolsey & Strand Family
In Loving Memory of Warren & Ella Woolsey