FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP MAY 12, 2019

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

Prelude: Voluntary on *Land of Rest* ……...Robert Lind

*Call to Worship

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him.

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

*Invocation

*Hymn 75 ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Pastor Laurie Smalley

Anthem: *Let the People Praise Thee, O God*……...William Mathias

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 36: 1-7

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

*Hymn 360 ***We Give Thee But Thine Own***

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *How Firm a Foundation* ……..arr. Don Hustad

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we often fail in our calling to be Your holy people, a people set apart for Your divine purposes. We are often more cynical than hopeful. We are moved more by private ambition than by justice for those who need it most. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We too often try to live in our own power rather than yours. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in Your image, reminding us that though our sins are as scarlet, in your grace, they are made white as snow. 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: ***Surrender All***

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 9

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

*Hymn 314 ***O For a Closer Walk with God***

Sermon: **The Joy of Generosity**
Pastor Wes Oden

*Hymn 294 ***Take My Life and Let it Be*** (Tune of Hymn 87)

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Processional* ……William Matthias

*Please stand if able
Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Andrew Oden
Acolyte: Joseph Derck

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 and is available during services.

There are **KID'S BAGS AND BIBLES** available in the book shelf on the left side of the foyer next to the Men's restroom.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Children will be dismissed during the hymn before the sermon. 2-5 year-olds go to room 116 in the Christian Ed building.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. As the Easter season continues, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of our resurrection as well. On this day when we celebrate God's gift of human relationships, we give thanks for mothers and family, recognizing that all of our human relationships are rooted in our relationship as children of our heavenly Father.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! We welcome all mothers to our worship service today. We pray that this is a wonderful day with family and friends.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING you are invited to worship at 8:30 or 11:00. Pastor Cindy will preach about "Still, We Can Believe and Hope" (2 Timothy 1:12).

MEETINGS THIS WEEK: Elders – Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY BEFORE AND AFTER BOTH SERVICES, all members of HWC are requested to cast your ballot in electing our leaders for the coming year and to respond to the proposed 2019-2020 HWC Community Financial Plan. Ballots are posted throughout the church and expanded copies of the HWC Community Financial Plan are available in the sanctuary foyer. Absentee ballots are available in the church office.

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY @ HWC GATHERING: On Sunday evening, May 19, 5:00 p.m., everyone is invited to the Community Room to celebrate our ministries—this past year and in the year ahead. If you are a member or not, if you are young or old, if you have attended here a long time or a short time, make it a point to attend this event in which we give thanks for God's faithfulness in the past and anticipate His faithfulness in the days ahead. **Please plan to bring a dessert to share**.

GRIEVING PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP If you are walking through (or have walked through) the grief of a miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss, we invite you to join us on the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8:00pm in Room 105 at Houghton Wesleyan Church (past the church offices, across from the library) for a peer-to-peer support group. The first meeting will be May 14. Parents, grandparents, and caregivers welcome; please no children. For more information or details, please contact Emily Spateholts at emily.spateholts@gmail.com or 585-808-8925.

STEWARDSHIP
Received (June 1—Present): $744,855.84
Budgeted (June 1—Present): $748,886.60

MISSION MOMENT: Many in our extended church mission family are working in ministries or areas with folks participating in the fast month of Ramadan. Let us pray for friendships and witness to deepen and strengthen. Join www.prayercast.com for daily info and prayer reminders.

PERSECUTED CHURCH: In Burkino Faso two Sundays ago Pastor Pierre Oult and five church members were shot and killed outside their church after service for not renouncing Christ. He said he "would rather die for his faith than leave the community he has been serving for 40 years." We weep and pray. (Open Doors USA)

DONNIE STOCKIN WILL HOST A TEA FOR JOHANNA CARON (Charlene and Tom Caron's daughter) on Tuesday, May 21st from 3:30 till 4:30 at her home, 9790 Luckey Drive. She would love to see people again during her brief visit.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Reuben Samuels, Ruby Schierer Williams, Phyllis Osgood, Debbie Alderman Wilson, The Marsh Family, Jon Retz, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bob Brown, Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Sheryl O'Brien, Gus and Louise Prinsell, Bethie Liddick, Bev Rhett, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Eila Shea, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our government; for St. John's Episcopal Church, Wellsville (Pastor Carol Stewart).

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 19 – June 30……..Worship – 8:30 and 11:00 /Sunday School – 9:45 (through June 16)
July 7 – August 11…….Worship – 10:00 / No Sunday School
August 18 – September 1..Worship – 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00 /No Sunday School
September 8……..Worship – 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00 /Sunday School – 9:40

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Hunger isn't just. But your hunger can be.

JUST HUNGER.

OUR YOUTH GROUP IS DOING WORLD VISION'S 30 HOUR FAMINE.

WHEN: MAY 17 & 18 ...NEXT WEEKEND!

WHAT: For 30 hours, we'll skip meals to raise funds that will help feed hungry children around the world.
WHY: Every five seconds, a child under 5 dies—and nearly half those deaths are from hunger-related causes. That's why we're taking action now!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. Give. Every $40 we raise helps feed and care for a child for one month. You can make **checks out to World Vision** and give them to Pastor Jon, visit our fundraising page at **youth.worldvision.org/team/HWCFWC**, or text 30HFGIVE to 44888.

2. Sponsor our events:

- **Village Food Drive May 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.**
- **Car Wash & Bake Sale May 18 (donations gratefully accepted) noon to 4 pm in the church parking lot.**

3. Pray. Ask for God's grace over our event and our fundraising, and that we grow deeper in our love for Him while helping change hungry kids' lives.

CONTACT: **Pastor Jon Cole (585-307-9950) or Beth Tucker**

World Vision
30 HOUR FAMINE

1.800.7.FAMINE (*1.800.732.6463*) | 30hourfamine.org

30 Hour Famine. Students loving God and fighting hunger.

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Motivated by our faith in Jesus Christ, we serve alongside the poor and oppressed as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people. 30HF11901_0818 © 2018 World Vision, Inc.

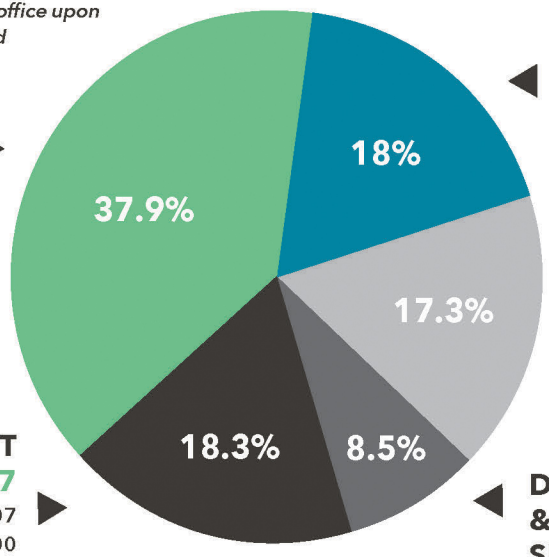
Time.
Talent.
Treasure.

Living Generously at HWC

Our journey with God is connected to the intentional use of our time, talent and treasure. We are grateful for your life investment in the kingdom of God. As we prepare for the coming year, this Financial Plan focuses specific attention on the investment of the treasure God has graciously given us.

Treasure | 2019-2020 HWC COMMUNITY FINANCIAL PLAN:

The detailed budget may be obtained from the church office upon request. Questions can be directed to Wes Oden, David Mercer, or Dick Harter or email office@hwchurch.org.



MINISTRIES
$310,979

Children: $42,478
College: $24,023
Assimilation/Congregational Care: $68,728
Discipleship: $12,006
Worship Services/Music: $85,167
Youth: $78,578

MISSIONS
$147,942

Global Outreach: $129,242
Local Outreach: $18,700

ADMINISTRATION & CHURCH OFFICE
$142,066

Administration: $75,721
Church Office: $66,345

PHYSICAL PLANT
$150,707

Building Operations & Maintenance: $125,707
Capital Improvements: $25,000

DENOMINATIONAL & DISTRICT SUPPORT
$69,885

TOTAL: $821,579

OVERALL INCREASE: $24,042 or 3.0%

(compared to 2018-19)

Give in the offering plate or online at www.hwchurch.com