

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

JUNE 7, 2015

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

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on "Mein Jesu, der du mich" Op. 122, No. 1 ...Johannes Brahms
My Jesus calls to me, holds out eternal bliss. He deigns to choose me.
Hear, Lord, Thy servant meek sings loud the Bridegroom's praise, In Thee rejoices.

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 25)**

In you, Lord our God, we put our trust.

***We trust in you; do not let us be put to shame,
nor let our enemies triumph over us.***

No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

***Show us your ways, Lord, teach us your paths.
Guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God our Savior,
and our hope is in you all day long.***

Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.
***Do not remember the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways;
according to your love remember us, for you, Lord, are good.***

***Invocation**

Hymn 69 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

***Words of Greeting and Peace**

Infant Dedication: Aaron Laurence Romance (Peter and Jessica Romance)

Prayer of Confession

Our heavenly Father, we are people who have been blessed beyond our ability to give thanks. Even with the struggles and difficulties of life, we have been and continue to be recipients of health, family, friends and the necessities of life. Forgive us that far too often our first response is to complain about what we do not have rather than to express gratitude for what we do have. Forgive us for being so focused on getting more that we forget so many others who have little to begin with. Forgive us for taking your gifts for granted and help us to see all of the ways in which you fill our lives with good. As we confess our sin, open our eyes, our ears and our hearts to hear your promise to us: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.* Amen

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 1

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

***Doxology**

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *On Eagles' Wings*Joncas
Priscilla Wortman & Tim McGowan

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.

Our Response to Prayer: **O Church, Arise** (see insert)

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 12:1-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

Hymn 429 *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

Sermon: **Running the Spiritual Race**
Rev. Dr. Joey Jennings

***Hymn *Friends of God, Whose Faith Abounded* (see insert)**

***Benediction**

***Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)**

***Postlude: *Prelude on "Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven"*William T. Allen**

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Ellis Brotzman

Acolyte: Noah Hijleh

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 and is available during services.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon for Children's Church, which meets in room 116 on the first floor of the Christian Education Building.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist proclaims, "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Every day is a gift from God and therefore a reason to celebrate. Sundays when we come together to celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit in us is even more reason to worship our God. May this hour of worship bring joy to your heart as we focus our attention together on Christ.

REV. DR. JOSEPH JENNINGS is our guest speaker today. Dr. Jennings is the Superintendent for the 34 churches in the Western New York District of The Wesleyan Church.

TONIGHT AT 5:00 you are invited to an evening of music. The children's choir will perform and you will have the opportunity to choose some of your favorite hymns.

WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30 we gather in Room 6 for prayer.

BIKES ON THE QUAD is a time for family fellowship while the kids ride their bikes around the quad. We meet every Wednesday from May 13 to August 26 at 6:30 on the Houghton College Quad. Everyone is welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Dr. Michael Jordan, Dean of the Chapel at Houghton College, preaches in our worship services at 8:30 and 11:00.

SUNDAY SERMONS ON THE INTERNET: You may access the Sunday sermon on the church website (www.hwchurch.org) or on iTunes (www.itunes.com).

CHURCH SERVICES ON THE RADIO: You can listen, in the Houghton area, to all of our Sunday morning services at **89.9 FM**.

LIVE STREAMING CHURCH SERVICES: We are now streaming our Sunday morning services and will be adding video. Access services on most devices (computer, iPhone, Android, Tablets, Roku). Every sermon that we stream live is archived (On Demand) each week and can be revisited at a later day/time: <http://streaming.hwchurch.org>.

MISSION MOMENT: Chris and Melissa George and family are recently returned to Western Australia with finances a huge answer to prayer. Praise God that Chris's opportunity to pray at a city public holiday event had an impact on some. Pray for youth who attended a recent Youth Camp to be willing to stand apart for Christ in their culture. The Church in Australia faces many challenges in a very secular setting.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH IN PAKISTAN: Pastor Azhar, who became a pastor at a village church more than 20 years ago, regularly shares the gospel with his Muslim neighbors and has baptized a number of Muslim background believers, including a former imam known as "Rashid" and his entire family. Pastor Azhar's life has been threatened, his son severely beaten, and the pastor and family were relocated but still receive death threats. Please pray for their safety.

NEWS FOR INVESTORS	Last Week	Fiscal Year
Offerings Received	\$ 12,688	\$ 708,620
<u>Budget Needed</u>	<u>\$ 13,280</u>	<u>\$ 703,840</u>
Difference +/-	-- \$ 612	+ \$ 4,780
Total Faith Promises: \$ 23,467.00		Faith Promises Received: \$ 8,626

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family of Carol Getzin Miller (Mark Getzin's sister) who died Thursday and for all who are grieving; for all with health concerns: Bunny Austin (Pastor Kevin's father), Mike Raybuck, Jill Kingdon Tyson, Bruce Brenneman, Bev Rhett, Micah Christensen, Linda Roth, Dick Gould, Crystal Blake, Emily Crikelaar; for all who are grieving and recovering from the earthquake in Nepal; and for Christians around the world who face threats and persecution.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 14 Worship – 8:30 and 11:00 / Sunday School – 9:45
 June 21 – August 2 Worship – 10:00 / No Sunday School
 August 9 – 23 Worship – 9:40 and 11:00 / No Sunday School
 August 30 Worship – 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00 am/Sunday School - 9:40



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*
 JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*
 CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*
 KEVIN AUSTIN, *Assistant Pastor*
 AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*
 EMILY HOFFMAN, *Children's Ministry Director*

O Church Arise

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; Hear the call of Christ our Cap -
2. Our call to go and love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap -
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick -
4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give grace for ev - 'ry hur -

-tain. For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has giv -
-tor; And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val -
-en; Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris -
-dle; That we may run with faith, to win the prize of a serv - ant, good and faith -

-en. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's
-our. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se -
-en. And as the stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e - merg - es from the
-ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His

lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle cry, is Love, reach - ing
-cure. And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an in -
grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry
grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger for the day when, with

out to those in dark - ness.
-her - it - ance of na - tions.
eye and heart shall see Him.
Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

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Hebrews 12:1-2

Friends of God Whose Faith Abounded

Capo 3 D A D Em A G Em6 Bm
F C F Gm C Bb Gm6 Dm

1 Friends of God whose faith a - bound - ed have their vic - tories
2 Con - fi - dent and per - se - ver - ing, firm - ly let us
3 Je - sus, for the joy be - fore him made a crown of

told a - loud; by such wit - nes - ses sur - round - ed,
run to win, stripped of all the in - ter - fer - ing
thorns his own, seat - ed now where we a - dore him,

Christ's un - seen, un - count - ed crowd, we take up the
rags and shreds of stub - born sin; still on Je - sus
high up - on his Fa - ther's throne; see the shame which

un - finished race, cho - sen, trained, in - spired by grace.
fix our eyes, faith's foun - da - tion and its prize.
he en - dured, share the tri - umph he se - cured.

Christopher Idle wrote of this text: "Though this is rooted in Hebrews 12, we cannot understand 'Therefore...' without first hearing chapter 11; many of the 'victories' were won through torture and death.... Abraham, 'God's friend,' features strongly in Hebrews 11; by grace and faith all Christian believers are his children."

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ST. LEONARD

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