

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP
OCTOBER 29, 2017

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

Prelude: *Nimrod* from the *Enigma Variations*Elgar

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 89)

We will sing of the Lord's great love forever;
with our mouths we will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

***We will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.***

The heavens praise your wonders, Lord,
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

***For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord?
Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings?***

In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared;
he is more awesome than all who surround him.

***Who is like you, Lord God Almighty?
You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.***

*Invocation

*Hymn 404 ***How Firm a Foundation***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Ministry Spotlight: Youth

Anthem: *This Love that Surpasses Knowledge*Mark Hijleh

Old Testament Reading: Habakkuk (selected verses)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God!***

*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Who You Are*JJ Heller

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in whom is all power in heaven and earth, help us in our constant struggle for power. Despite the teaching of your Word, something in us believes that power will solve our problems—that overwhelming others will make us agents of your eternal kingdom. Forgive us: for our lust for power, for our subtle attempts to exert power, for believing that the world will be changed by our accumulation of power. Help us to see, hear and obey your call to be servants through Christ, who became a servant even to death. Amen.

Our Response to Prayer: ***I Know Whom I Have Believed***

*New Testament Reading: Matthew 13:24-29

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God!***

*Hymn 375 ***Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose***

Sermon: ***Our Upside Down World***
Pastor Wes Oden

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.

*Hymn 383 ***O Love that Will Not Let Me Go***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Fantasy in G Minor*Bach

*Please stand if able

Organist: Jennifer Ross

Worship Leader: Sarah Derck

Acolyte: Joseph Derck

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 in room 116 in the Christian Education Building.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The prophet Isaiah declares to God's people: "Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters... Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near" (55:1,6, NIV). As we ponder the gracious invitation of God for His people to come before Him, may God inspire us to take Him up on His offer, knowing that He who calls us loves us and wants to do above and beyond even what we are able to ask or imagine.

TONIGHT: In anticipation of the prayer event, dedicating these weeks to God and asking God to do something miraculous for us, we are kicking off our Prayer Vigil today with a gathering in the sanctuary at **4:30pm**. This brief time of singing, scripture and lighting of candles will conclude by 5:15. **Small groups follow.**

PRAYER VIGIL EVENT: Our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil begins today: the first prayer time is 5:00 pm. Sign-ups are available immediately following this morning's worship service and online at any time (www.hwchurch.org). Call the church office if you need assistance (567-2264). Security personnel will be at the church (midnight – 4:00am). During these hours please enter the front doors that face Route 19.

KID'S CLUB meets each Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:15. Kids 1st through 6th grade are welcome! Please talk to Pastor Laurie for details.

JUNIOR CHURCH CHILDREN ARE COLLECTING CHANGE for World Hope's 5+2 Program--named after the 5 fish + 2 loaves that Jesus multiplied to feed the crowds. Money goes toward school fees for children who have not yet been sponsored.

PARTNERS AT HOME SERVICE DAY: Projects and Volunteers Needed - The Partners at Home committee is hosting a service day on November 4 from 8:00am - Noon. Do you have a project that we can help you with (lawn care, home care, minor construction, etc.)? Are you willing to help for the morning? We could use your skills and time to serve our church family and community. Please contact Emily Spateholts at emily.gaerte12@houghton.edu or 585-808-8925 if you have projects or if you can help.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS next Sunday morning. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes's sermon directs our attention to the prophet Zephaniah: *The God Who Has Glorious Plans for Us*. We gather for worship services at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING small groups continue meeting.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: We have brochures on the OCC table in the Christian Education foyer that will help you to pack your boxes. Foldable cardboard boxes are available to you or use your own shoebox. We are also looking for people to donate items for our **Kids Club Packing Party on November 8**. Items may be placed in the red boxes in either foyer. **Final collection day is November 12**.

MISSION MOMENT - Outreach of this church includes supporting with prayer, finances and committed volunteers Wellspring Ministry. This wholistic ministry at the center of our County shares the Gospel in word and tangible love with folks each week. We pray for vision, wisdom, staffing, and finances as well as for the dozens who find this a spiritual, social and physical oasis.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - "Why not just ask God to guard you?" soldiers taunted Christians. So when a predominantly Christian village of Mai Farin Mota near Jos, Nigeria was attacked at night by Muslim herdsman, protection never came in response to phone calls for help. Recently ten days of terror in the area have resulted in 40 deaths. We pray for restored order, protection and peace. (Open Doors)

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family and friends of Dan Woolsey and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Jayne Swanson, Leonard Watson, Louise Prinsell, Laura Habecker, 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 Essepien, Eila Shea, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Bill Getty, Warren and Ella Woolsey, Mike Raybuck, Bev Rhett, Micah Christensen, Linda Roth, Dick Gould, Emily Crikelair; for all who are recovering from the shooting in Las Vegas; for refugees; for the people of Puerto Rico, Mexico, California, Gulf Coast, and all affected by recent disasters, for peace amid threats of war; for healing and unity in our nation; and for the Hillside Wesleyan Church (Pastor Dan Todd).



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