

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

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

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude on "Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele"Johannes Brahms
Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy thy praises render
Unto him, whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded.
High o'er all the heavens he reigneth; yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.*

*Call to Worship (from Hebrews 12)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

*Invocation

*Hymn 462 ***For All the Saints***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Affirmation of our Christian Faith: **The Apostles' Creed**

Anthem: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*arr. Mark Hayes

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah (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: *Enter Now This Place*Jane Marshall

Prayer of Confession

God of our fathers, we see the faith, courage and holiness of those who have gone before us and we realize how often we fall short of their witness.

Forgive us when doubts stifle our faith. Forgive us when fear paralyzes our courage. Forgive us when our desire for self overwhelms our desire to be holy. As we pray these words of confession, let us hear your promise of pardon: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Amen.

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Our Response to Prayer: ***Before the Throne of God Above***

*New Testament Reading:

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*Hymn 268 ***My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

Sermon: **The God Who Has Glorious Plans for Us**
Pastor Wes Oden

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn 287 ***Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Hymn Prelude on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*Craig Phillips

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Jessica Romance

Acolyte: Jameson Rhett

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. God tells the prophet Jeremiah, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (33:3). We gather in worship today calling out to God, asking for Him to reveal the unsearchable richest of His grace. May God give us ears to hear.

HOLY COMMUNION: We practice open communion in the Wesleyan Church: all who come in faith of Christ's redeeming power are welcome. As the ushers release your row, come to the front, tear off a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat it, then return to your seat by the outside aisle. Feel free to remain at the altar rail in prayer. If you prefer to be served in your seat, inform the usher; we have trays of bread and cups to serve you. Pastor Wes has cups of juice and gluten-free wafers at the communion table. If you desire the grace of God in your life, enabling you to love God with all of your being and to love others through the Spirit in you, you are invited to receive the bread and cup of God's grace in Christ for the sins of the whole world.

OCC SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY AND KID'S CLUB meet with the entire church family this Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:15. Bring some toys for the shoeboxes and a healthy snack to share with everyone.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we invite you to worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Pastor Wes will preach about *The God Who Desires to Be Present with Us* (Haggai).

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING small groups continue meeting.

PRAYER VIGIL EVENT: We are now one week into our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil. Times are available for you to reserve in the prayer room, which may be done online anytime (www.hwchurch.org) or in either the sanctuary or CE building foyers this morning. Call the church office if you need assistance (567-2264). Security personnel are available at the church (Midnight – 4:00am). During the night hours please enter the front doors that face Route 19..

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. Donate items for **Packing Party on November 8**. Items may be placed in the red boxes in either foyer. **Final collection day is November 12.**

MISSIONARY MAILBAG – Want to keep up with news from missionaries and missions supported by or connected to HWC? We have a monthly compilation of news and prayer requests called the Missionary Mailbag. You can find a copy in the sanctuary foyer, or to get these monthly updates by email, contact Elizabeth Ciobanu at valiandelizabeth@gmail.com.

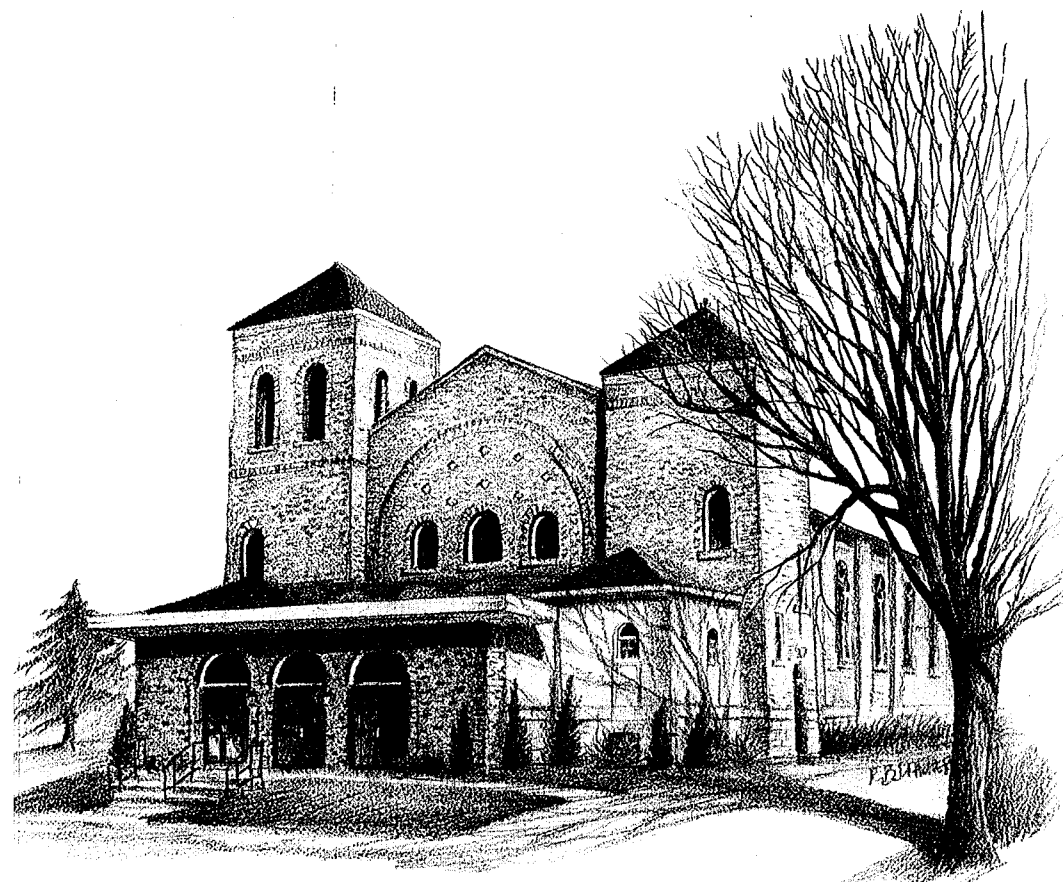
MISSION MOMENT – The Prayer Vigil allows some extra concentrated time for us to pray for the church beyond our doors and around the world. Perhaps choose a nation or region, a missionary or national worker family and focus part of your prayer times on these. “My Name will be great among the nations.” (Malachi 1:11)

PERSECUTED CHURCH - Today is International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. “Prayer is the number one request of persecuted Christians, and they are asking us to join them in prayer for strength and perseverance so that, despite difficult trials, Christians will continue to shine for Jesus and share the gospel in the most dangerous places.” (Open Doors, USA).

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family and friends of Nancy Sacks, especially Freda Hark who has been her caregiver in recent years, and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Louise Mawhorter, 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 Essepian, 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 the people of Puerto Rico and all who are grieving and recovering from recent disasters and violence; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for healing and unity in our nation; and for the Wesleyan Church of Orchard Park (Pastor Dan Jones).



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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