

SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST  
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

YOUTH SUNDAY  
MAY 27, 2018

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

Prelude: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* .....Johann Sebastian Bach  
Irene Park, violin

\*Call to Worship (from Romans 5)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

***And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.***

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

***And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.***

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

***But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:***

***While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Alleluia!***

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 63 ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

\*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Youth

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 44.....Joe Derck

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Time of Senior Recognition

\*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Blessings* .....Laura Story

Jadyn Mucher, soloist

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, fill us with a desire to want you to change what we are, and to direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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: ***The Love of God***

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:31-39

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

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

Sermon: **God's "Un-separatable" Love:**

Gabe Huizenga

\*Hymn 273 ***And Can it Be?***

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Psalm XLIX* .....Benedetto Marcello

\*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Katie Brubaker

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: 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.** As we gather each week for corporate worship we are blessed to know that God not only promises to be with us, but he is indeed here. Knowing that God's Spirit is at work in this place today let us prepare to hear him and to receive from him abundant blessing.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Pastor Wes preaches from Psalm 133 and the call to unity. We gather for corporate worship at 8:30 and 11:00. Sunday School at 9:45.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** – all are invited to the ice cream social on Sunday, June 3, at 5:00 in the community room. Please join us for ice cream and a time of fellowship.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW FOR MEMORIAL DAY.**

**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL POTLUCK:** Sunday June 10th is our annual Sunday School Pot Luck meal after church. The whole congregation is invited to come and celebrate with us! Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert to share. Thank you for supporting our Sunday School program!

**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE** – Connect ministry to children with global missions and you get Wesleyan Kids for Missions! Leader(s) and workers wanted for the Fall. Contact Pastor Paul if you are interested. Or meet today, 9:45, in church conference room.

**MISSIONARY MOMENT** – We rejoice and look ahead in celebration as God provided over and above our \$33,334 Faith Promise goal which helped support six of our mission families. Future mission giving is bundled together in the 2018-19 “HWC Community Financial Plan.” We pray for God’s continued blessing as we share generously in local and global outreach in proven and new ways.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – We join in prayer for our sister Church of the Nazarene Christians who mourn and recover after the death of 10 pastoral couples in the recent plane accident in Cuba. Parents of 8 children sixteen and under were among those returning home from a church retreat. Protestants, including several growing Wesleyan Church, make up about 5% of Cuba’s population.

**COME & GO 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATION TODAY :** Families of the Mullen children invite you to celebrate with Laurence and Vesta on their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays, today, from 3-5 p.m. at 7428 Hillside Drive in Houghton.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Florence Teuber, Roselyn Danner, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen’s daughter-in-law), Tim Nichols, Bob Brown, Louise Prinsell, Nancy Cole, Brian Orbaker (Charlie and Connie Smith’s son-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter, Sheryl O’Brien, Ben King, Doris Essepien, Eila Shea, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey’s brother), Bill Getty, Mike Raybuck, Bev Rhett, Emily Crikelair; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for Belmont Gospel Fellowship Church (Pastor Patrick Lyons).



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

PAUL SHEA, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

LAURIE SMALLEY, *Children’s Ministry Director*