

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

JULY 1, 2018

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

Prelude: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (Hymn # 183)...David Hegarty

Welcome and Call to Worship (on screen)

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 18: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Songs of Adoration: *Love Come Down; Death Was Arrested*

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Doxology

Offertory: *Braver Still* (JJ Heller)

Prayer of Confession

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord's Prayer**

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:31-39

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Preparation 49: *Children of the Heavenly Father*

Sermon: **When God Isn't Fair**

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Benediction

Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

Postlude: *God of Our Fathers* (Hymn # 24).....G.W. Warren

*Please stand if able
Organist: Jane Allen

Worship Leader: Emily Spateholts
Acolyte: Emma Beardsley

Music Ministry Team:

Kristen Sanasith, Mike Cox, vocals; Andrew Silbert, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard;
Dan Zambrano, cello; Barb Raymond, bass; Dan Wartinger, percussion

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Jerry David Oden on June 6th to Helena and John and sister, Emma.

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. The Psalmist writes, "Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom" (145:3). We gather for worship today to proclaim once again that God is great and to offer him our highest praise. As we worship this morning, let us open our hearts and minds to him in praise, adoration and celebration for who he is and for all that he has done.

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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED JULY 4.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we continue in Summer Sabbath gathering for one worship service at 10:00 a.m. Next Sunday Dr. Michael Walters will preach.

NEXT SUNDAY, 9:00 A.M. – Austin Report Coffee Hour in the Community Room. Come early and hear first-hand news from Cindy Austin from their evangelism and discipling ministry in the Czech Republic. Sweet rolls and beverages will be provided. Don't miss this opportunity.

INTER-GENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP – Puerto Rico July 21-29

We are sending a team of 23 people to Puerto Rico to work at the Wesleyan Academy of PR. Please be in prayer for this group. If you would like to help the team with a monetary gift, make checks payable to *Houghton Wesleyan Church* and designate *PR Mission Trip* on the memo line.

FLOWERS: We welcome flowers that you would like to donate for Sunday morning services throughout the summer. Contact Linda Knapp at 567-8131.

SUMMER SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP: Philip and Rebekah Harter Tumbaga are hosting a summer small group and we'd be glad for you to join us on **Monday nights at 6 pm with dinner provided!** Email or call us to rsvp so we can get a rough estimate of how many people to plan for and if you have any allergies or food restrictions. Email ptumbaga@hawaii.edu or Phone: 808-489-1819. Address: 9619 Route 19, Apt 1 D, Houghton, NY 14744

BIKES ON THE QUAD meets every Wednesday until August 22nd. Everyone is invited. Join us around 6:30. Bring your bikes, scooters, sidewalk chalk, Frisbees, soccer balls, baseball gloves, bats, dogs...

REFRESH RETREAT & FAMILY CAMP TAKES PLACE JULY 29—AUGUST 3: This year's Guest Speaker is Mark Wilson. Whether you come for just a day or for the entire week, sign up at: www.refreshathoughton.com.

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.

MISSION MOMENT – On summer break from teaching school in N. Africa, Jaclyn Algier is briefly in the States preparing to lead a youth camp team in another N. African country. Pray for adjustments to a new culture and new leaders, and for spiritual and physical strength.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – We pray for Nepal where there are less than a million Christian believers who in the last year have been isolated even more with new harsh laws banning conversion and freedom of expression. Despite restrictions Christ followers have tripled in the last decade.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Phil Main, Dan Gurley, Florence Teuber, Roselyn Danner, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Tim Nichols, Gus and Louise Prinsell, Nancy Cole, Peter Lingenfelter, Doris Essepian, 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 the Allegany County Gideons Camp.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 1 – August 12 Worship – 10:00 / No Sunday School
August 19 – August 26 Worship – 8:20, 9:40 & 11:00 / No Sunday School
September 2 Worship – 8:20, 9:40 & 11:00 / Sunday School - 9:40



*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*