

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP AUGUST 19, 2018

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

Prelude: *Meditation on "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"*Gerre Hancock
(tune by Harold Friedell)

*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.*

Guard our lives and rescue us; do not let us be put to shame,
for we take refuge in you.

*May integrity and uprightness protect us,
because our hope, Lord, is in you.*

*Invocation

*Hymn 69 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Puerto Rico Missions Trip

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 83

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Hymn Prelude on "O Jesus, I Have Promised"*arr. Jon Spong

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, how often we allow our sin and iniquity to cloud our judgment. We deafen our ears to your voice and allow the voice of selfishness, greed, maliciousness and discontent to guide our minds and influence our ways. As a Church we acknowledge our guilt to you. Father, we thank you that you hear us, that you speak to us and that you love us. Make our hearts still, so that you may call us forth with your own voice of love, charity, forgiveness and grace. Let us hear your voice that calls us "beloved," and may we rest in you that we may be your Church. 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: *Show us Christ*

*New Testament Reading: Matthew 6:43-48

*Hymn 59 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Sermon: **When Life Presses in On God's People** Pastor Wes Oden

*Hymn 65 *This is My Father's World*

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Toccata in Seven*John Rutter

*Please stand if able

Worship Leader: Sarah Derck

Organist: Judy Congdon

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.

*The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Matthias Andrew Roorbach,
born on August 5, 2018 to Susie and Andrew and older brother, Christian.*

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist exclaims, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" We come to this place today to offer to God our praise. We welcome you to this service and offer a special welcome to new and returning Houghton College students.

WELCOME POTLUCK/PICNIC TODAY: 5:00pm, on the Church Side Lawn (Community Room if it rains). Because we will be welcoming 200+ students already on campus, we, the church family, will provide all of the food. The church will provide table service, hot dogs, hot dog buns and beverage. Please bring a large salad and/or hot dish and a dessert or two large side dishes (salad and hot dish) so we have enough food to serve everyone. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship and food as we welcome Houghton College students to our church and community.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we invite you to join us for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Pastor Wes will be preaching from Psalms 1 and 150, *Our Most Appropriate Response to God.*

CLEW: Christian Life Emphasis Week begins Sunday, September 2.
Rev. Dr. David Drury is the Chief of Staff for the Office of General Superintendent of The Wesleyan Church.

CHURCH CHOIR RESUMES: Come and join us in raising our voices in worship! The Church Choir rehearses on Tuesdays from 7-8pm in the sanctuary and sings in the 11am service. Rehearsals resume **Tuesday, August 28 at 6pm (special time)**. Contact Amanda Cox (amandacox@hwchurch.org) with any questions!

CELEBRATE RECOVERY: If you are human, chances are you have experienced some of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups! A small group of us have been meeting on Thursday evenings @ 6:30 pm in the Christian education building, in forming a Celebrate Recovery group at HWC. Celebrate Recovery is based on eight principles from the Beatitudes. The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to encourage fellowship and to celebrate God's healing power in our lives as we work our way along the road to recovery. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, or finding out more about it, please join us on Thursday evening at 6:30pm in Room 105 across from the church library..

BIKES ON THE QUAD: Everyone is welcome to the Houghton College Quad on Wednesday nights at 6:30 for a time of family fellowship while the kids ride the quad. We meet every Wednesday through August 22.

WANTED! Responses from those anxious to find and fit into a Small Group for Bible study and growth this fall. Study guides tracking Pastor's series on PRAYER available. And **LOOKING** for potential new group hosts and leaders. Contact Pastor Paul this month at paulshea@hwchurch.org.

MISSION MOMENT – An important part of our outreach is in our local area. Our Community Benevolent Fund and Food Pantry contributions touch many lives each month with emergency assistance. Pray for sustained giving and for those who make decisions and serve diligently in these ministries.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Dr. Ben Hegeman is today teaching local national missionaries at one of the frontlines of persecution in Jos, Nigeria. His daily reports indicate heavy spiritual warfare as well as actual physical suffering and death of believers there. Let us hold him up in prayer and especially those who lift the Name of Jesus in this troubled location.

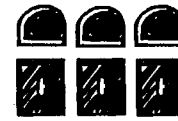
LIVE STREAMING: All of our worship services are live streamed through the church website and through streaming devices (AppleTV, Roku, etc.). If you use Roku, you will need to find the services on our new Roku app. Search for Houghton Wesleyan Church. Our new app will enable easier access.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family of Mildred Berry (Donnie Stockin's mother) who died this week and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Erin Taylor Koehler, Karen Gaerte, Phil Main, Dan Gurley, Florence Teuber, Roselyn Danner, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Gus and Louise Prinsell, Nancy Cole, Peter Lingenfelter, 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 the Dalton United Methodist Church (Pastor Lauren Turner).

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

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



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