

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
10:00 MORNING WORSHIP
AUGUST 12, 2018

Prelude: *Processional on "With Glad, Exuberant Carolings"*
(by Judy Congdon, Hymn tune by Carol Doran)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

*I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."*

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.

*He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will
find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.*

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* (on screen)

Words of Greeting and Peace

Songs of Adoration *My Lighthouse; Light of the World*

Old Testament Reading Psalm 126

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Doxology

Offertory *He Will* (Ellie Holcomb)

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.

New Testament Reading Romans 5: 1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

Sermon **To Be People of Joy**

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Benediction

Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

Postlude: *Blessed and Sent: A Postlude on DIX and THUMA MINA*
(by Judy Congdon)

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Jessica Romance

Acolytes: Ellie Brubaker & Julia Winkens

Music Ministry Team:

Jane Buteyn, Hannah Roeske, vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Jan Schilke, keyboard;

Dianna Clem, flute; Dan Zambrano, bass; AC Taylor, percussion

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. God has blessed us this summer. In the highs and lows of life, God is our constant help and strength. This morning, we come to this place to offer our gratitude for His numerous blessings and to ask for His power and love in the days ahead.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we return to our regular Sunday morning worship schedule: Contemporary Worship (8:20 and 9:40) and Traditional Worship (11:00). Pastor Wes will be preaching from Psalm 83, *When We Feel Humiliated*.

WELCOME POTLUCK/PICNIC: Sunday, August 19, 5:00pm, 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.

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 – Leah Doty is in the thick of observing, interviewing, studying to learn more about her target group (Oby) for future Bible translation in S.E. Asia. We pray for personal and professional needs of this eager and willing young missionary, as well as the concerns of the local people in this region that suffered recent flooding.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – The issue of refugees and immigrants is a hot-button issue in our country right now. In spite of the political ramifications, the church is called to care for aliens and strangers in a world that creates chaos in their lives. Historically, the United States has admitted upwards of 100,000 refugees a year. Over the course of the past few years, this number has been steadily dropping. Our national leaders are considering cutting this number from 40,000 to 25,000. The church has a responsibility to be a voice as our nation navigates the complicated tension of balancing security and compassion. With this in mind World Relief is calling on Christians to be a voice for the 25 million refugees in the world through prayer and involvement. Find more information at worldrelief@wr.org.

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 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 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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