

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

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

Prelude: *Partita on "Was Gott tut, das ist's wohlgetan"*Johann Pachelbel
(Whate're My God Ordains is Right)

***Call to Worship**

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the God of peace be with us all. Alleluia!

***Invocation**

*Hymn 444 ***When Peace Like a River***

***Words of Greeting and Peace**

Witness of Grace: Austen Kewin

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 13:7-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Doxology**

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Prelude on "Come, Thou Almighty King"*William T. Allen

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. In his name we pray, 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: ***I Know Whom I Have Believed***

*New Testament Reading: Luke 8: 40

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 339 ***God of All Power, and Truth, and Grace***

Sermon: **When Prayer Doesn't Accomplish Anything**
Pastor Wes Oden

*Hymn ***Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting*** (see insert)

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: Chorale Prelude on "Wer nur den lieben Gott lasst walten," BWV 642 J. S. Bach
(If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee)

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Jon Durbin

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 and is available during services.
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. The Psalmist proclaims: "The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and is armed with strength... Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity" (93:1-2). We have come today to affirm the Psalmist's proclamation—with our words and with our lives. As we join together in worship of God the Father Almighty, may His Spirit fill us with the joy of worship that we might go forth to live in the presence of His power and love.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we will gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Pastor Wes continues leading us to think about prayer. Next week's sermon, *When Prayer Costs Us* (Exodus 32:30-35).

PRAYER VIGIL: Plans are in the works for our annual three-week, 24/7 prayer vigil. It starts October 28. This year's theme is *Lord, Teach Us to Pray* with an emphasis on The Lord's Prayer. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

CHURCH WEBSITE: Please visit our church website (www.hwchurch.org) for information relating to the church and ministries. You may also access and subscribe to Pastor Wes's weekly blog which will be a follow up to each Sunday's sermon.

ALL WOMEN - Join us for our Fall Women's Gathering on Saturday, October 20 from 9 am to 11:30 am in the Community Room. Speaker Rebecca Rowley will share, "Adventures in Prayer: Encountering God with the Whole Self." For our snack, it's a "Half-Dozen Pot Luck!" If you can, please bring Six of Something (six individual servings - sweet or snacky - home-made or store-bought) to share with the group. Don't miss this inspirational morning of worship and fellowship. Child-care is provided. No need to sign up.

There are **KID'S BAGS AND BIBLES** available in the book shelf on the left side of the foyer next to the Men's restroom.

STEWARDSHIP

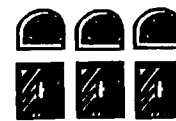
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CELEBRATE RECOVERY MEETS THURSDAYS: If you are human, chances are you have experienced some of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups! A small group of us have been meeting on Thursday evenings @ 6:30 pm in Room 105 of the Christian education building, 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. Questions? Contact Cathy Morley at catmo57@hotmail.com or 567-8162.

MISSION MOMENT – This week the completed “Doca” New Testament goes to press for this S.E. Asia people group. Carolyn and John Miller consulted with this translation project for some years, and we rejoice with them and the whole team along with believers there. Pray for God’s Word to bear much fruit.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Some Christians face circumstantial hardship as well as persistent opposition. Prayer for believers in Nepal, a land that has seen spiritual awakening but still suffers the effects of major earthquakes years past. Pray for biblical training and Christlikeness for a rising generation of church leaders as well as restoration from natural disasters.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Bethie Liddick, 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 First Day Baptist Church, Richburg (Pastor Larry Allen).



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Jesus, I Am Resting

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Heb. 4:9-10 We which have believed do enter into rest. 4:3

1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing, In the joy of what Thou art;
2. Oh, how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness, Vast - er, broad - er than the sea!
3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou art,
4. Ev - er lift Thy face up - on me As I work and wait for Thee;

D.C.— Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing, In the joy of what Thou art;

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I am find - ing out the great - ness Of Thy lov - ing heart.
Oh, how mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness, Lav - ished all on me!
And Thy love, so pure, so change - less, Sat - is - fies my heart;
Rest - ing 'neath Thy smile, Lord Je - sus, Earth's dark shad - ows flee.

I am find - ing out the great - ness Of Thy lov - ing heart.

Thou hast bid me gaze up - on Thee, And Thy beau - ty fills my soul,
Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, Know what wealth of grace is Thine,
Sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, Meets, sup - plies its eve - ry need,
Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, Sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face,

D.C. al Fine

For by Thy trans - form - ing pow - er, Thou hast made me whole.
Know Thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise, And have made it mine.
Com - pass - eth me round with bless - ings: Thine is love in - deed!
Keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, Fill me with Thy grace.