

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

JUNE 23, 2019

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

Prelude: *Prelude in B minor, BWV 544a* .....J. S. Bach

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 103)

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

***Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,***

Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

***Who satisfies your desires with good things***

***so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.***

As a father has compassion on his children,

so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

***For he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.***

The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field;

the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

***But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord’s love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children’s children –***

***with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.***

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 97 ***Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners***

\*Words of Greeting and Peace

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 95

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Meditation on “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”* .....Dennis Janzer

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness and fill us with your joy and love through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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: ***All I Have is Christ***

\*New Testament Reading: John 10:1-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn 381 ***All the Way My Savior Leads Me***

Sermon: **Your Best Life...Is Not What You Imagine**

Rev. Dr. Jon Case

\*Hymn 255 ***All My Life Long I Had Panted***

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Fugue in B minor, BWV 544b* .....J. S. Bach

\*Please stand if able

Worship Leader: Gudy Stevenson

Organist: Judy Congdon

Acolyte: Ezra Knapp

**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 offertory: they meet in room 116 in the Christian Education Building. **NOTE:** We have set up a computer check-in station in the lower foyer of the sanctuary so anyone can check in for Children’s Church before church starts or at the beginning of the service.

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

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Worship is a privilege that allows us to join together to acknowledge the glory of God, to hear God speak into our community, to commit ourselves to one another in love, to affirm that God is our loving, merciful heavenly Father. In our worship today, may God help us turn our attention to Him with all of heart, soul, mind and strength.

**GUEST PREACHER:** Today we welcome Dr. Jon Case as our guest preacher. Dr. Case is Professor of Theology at Houghton College.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Dr. Sarah Derck will preach in both worship services (8:30 and 11:00).

**REMINDER:** Children’s Ministry Volunteer Training next Saturday, June 29th from 8-10 am in the Community Room.

**VACATIONS:** Pastors Wes and Cindy Oden are on vacation today and this coming week.

**BIKES ON THE QUAD** - Join us on the Houghton College Quad on Wednesday Nights at 6:30 for a time for family fellowship while the kids ride the quad. (We are not limited to bikes! Bring baseballs and gloves, soccer balls, Frisbees, sidewalk chalk.) We will meet every Wednesday through August 21.

**LIVE STREAMING** All our worship services are live streamed through the church website, through streaming devices (Apple TV, Roku, etc.) and on Facebook. Services are also archived for later viewing on the website and Facebook.

**PRAYER GROUP** – Wednesday, 6:30 -7:30 pm. in Room 9 below the sanctuary a growing number gather for prayer for the community and church. All are invited to join each Wednesday evening.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** meets Thursday Evenings, 7-9 PM in the Good Shepherd Room. CR is a safe place to share hurts, habits and hang-ups. (No meeting July 4.)

**STEWARDSHIP** Received (June 1—Present): \$ 39,803.36  
Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$ 46,402.59  
(Reminder: If you give online, please place an **I Gave Online** card in the offering plate as it is passed.)

**MISSION MOMENT** - We pray for the ongoing work of Dan and Kathy Moore in Perm, Russia as they let their lights shine in various acts of love and kindness. They ask for God’s favor with school and government officials and especially good connections with those who don’t yet know Christ.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Today we pray for ordinary Christian families and house churches across South and S.E. Asia who faithfully believe and serve Christ in the midst of constant pressure from community members and radical groups of other faiths. Christian life and worship are under constant threats.

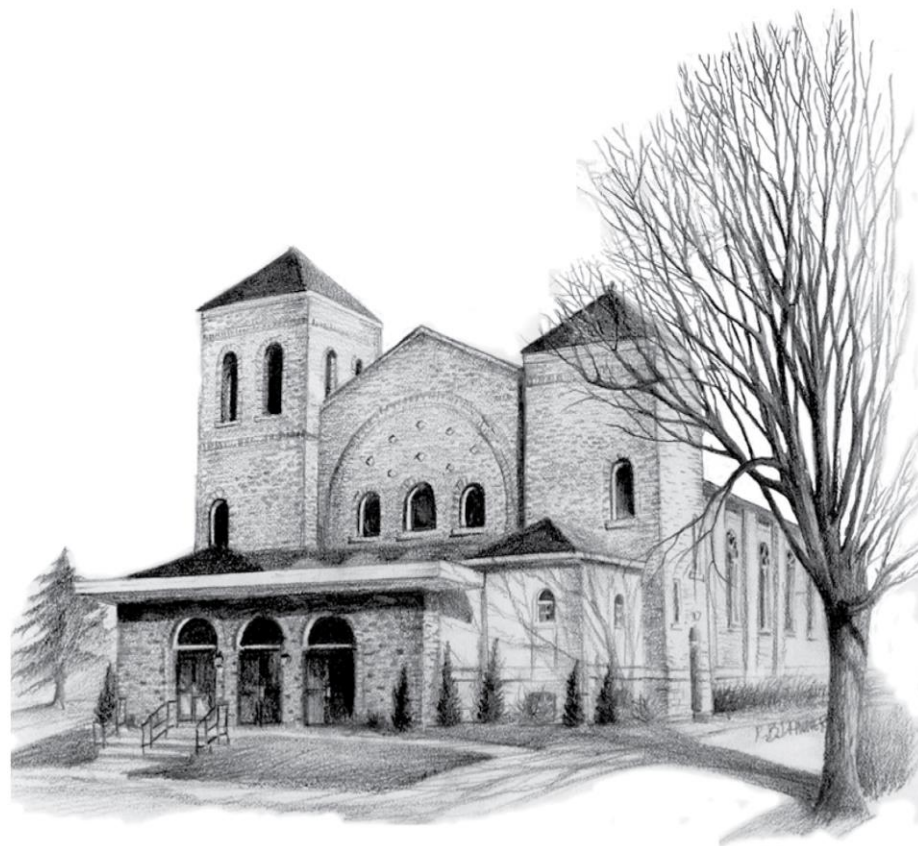
**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Carson Sanasith, Paulette Schierer, Jeshu, Kurtis and Elijah Perry, Joe Coleson (Sarah Derck’s father), Reuben Samuels, Ruby Schierer Williams, Phyllis Osgood, Debbie Alderman Wilson, The Marsh Family, Jon Retz, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor’s cousin), Bob Brown, Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Sheryl O’Brien, Gus and Louise Prinsell, Bethie Liddick, Bev Rhett, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey’s brother), Eila Shea, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen’s daughter-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our government; for First Wesleyan Church, Bradford, PA (Pastor Terri Niver).

#### **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

June 23 – June 30..... Worship – 8:30 and 11:00 / No Sunday School  
July 7 – August 11..... Worship – 10:00 / No Sunday School  
August 18 – September 1..Worship – 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00 /No Sunday School  
September 8..... Worship – 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00 /Sunday School – 9:40



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

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