

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

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

Prelude: *Hymn Prelude on "Amazing Grace"*Craig Phillips

*Call to Worship (from Hebrews 4)

The word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need!

*Invocation

*Hymn 1 ***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: College Ministries

Anthem: *Til and Tend My Heart*Jane Marshall

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 119:97-104

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *This is My Story*

Jamie Mullen, Jordan Mullen, Paul Young, Mike Cox

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 Response: **Show Us Christ**

New Testament Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 302 ***O Jesus, I Have Promised***

Sermon: **Good Boys and Girls Follow the Rules. Or Do They?**
Pastor Wes Oden

*Hymn 327 ***O For a Heart to Praise My God***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Toccata in Seven*John Rutter

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Olivia Bullock

Acolyte: Abigail Reitnour

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: Preschool Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon: they meet in room 116 in the Christian Education Building

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. 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 to address *Tension to Tapestry*. Next week's sermon, *With Jesus, It's Personal ... Or Is It?* is rooted in Exodus 19 and 1 Peter 2.

PRAYER VIGIL: Plans are in the works for our annual three-week, 24/7 prayer vigil. It starts November 3. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

SMALL GROUPS CONTINUE. Those seeking a Small Group, please contact paulshea@hwchurch.org

KOINONIA MEETS TONIGHT, 7 PM IN WESLEY CHAPEL

SHOP BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES: Please drop off items (scissors, crayons, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, markers, pencil sharpeners, and pencil pouches) in boxes located in the CE Foyer, church foyer and around the church. Questions? Contact Jessica Romance at jessics.r.mullen@gmail.com. Packing Party Nov. 2 from 10-11:30.

PRAYER GROUP – Wednesday, 6:30 -7:30 pm. in Room 9 below the sanctuary.

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. Celebrate Recovery will also begin a Step-Study Group for Women beginning October 2 at 1:00 p.m. at the church. Step Study groups actually go through the Celebrate Recovery participants guides together, and after they complete the lessons on the third principle, the group is closed and continues meeting together for approximately 12 months. If interested, contact Terry Ayers or Cathy Morley.

STEWARDSHIP Received (June 1—Present): \$ 238,214.68
Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$ 262,948.01

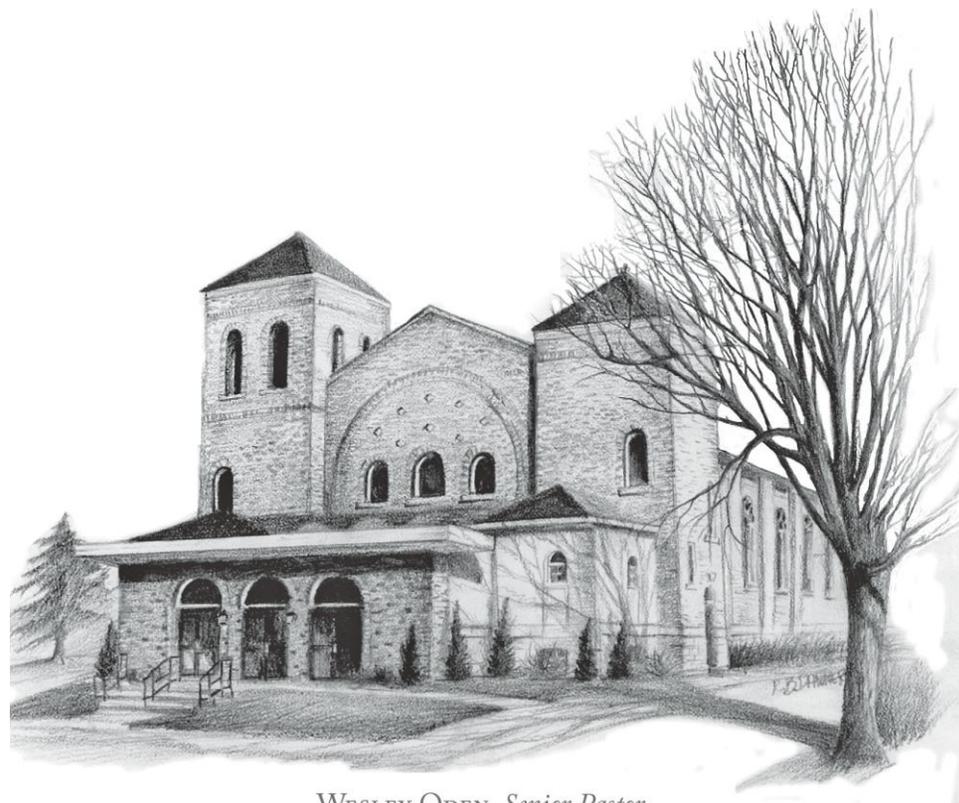
MISSION MOMENT - Pray for the Kris and Cory Thede and the church in Haiti in the midst of renewed political and social unrest in that country. May Satan and his grip on that nation be broken.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – We pray for God’s hand in curbing violence against Jesus’ followers and all suffering peoples. May He grant wisdom and courage to government authorities, and transform the hearts of conflicting family members, community leaders and opposition groups.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Chris Stewart, John Smith (Shelley Noyes’ father), Robert Stalker, Mark Mayhle (Doug’s brother), Paulette Schierer, Ruby Schierer Williams, Elly Plaza (Alejandra Koch’s sister), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, 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, 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 Watermark Wesleyan Church, Hamburg (Pastor Ken Nash).



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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