

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP                      OCTOBER 6, 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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* .....Craig Phillips

\*Call to Worship (from Colossians 3)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

***Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.***

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

***Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.***

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

***And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.***

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 18            ***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

\*Words of Greeting and Peace

Anthem: *Song of Triumph* .....Dale Grotenhuis

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 19: 1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***All: Thanks be to God!***

\**Doxology*

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *O How Good it Is* .....Keith & Kristyn Getty

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and merciful God, we know that when we offend another, we offend you. We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of apathy to cloud our souls, hiding the light from our un-seeking eyes. We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to our brothers and sisters when they failed to live up to our expectations. Grant that we might know your love burning within us, the love that you have shown to us even when we failed you. Fan the embers of that love into flames of grace, truth, peace, and reconciliation. Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of all. Amen.**

—from the UMC Book of Worship

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: I Peter 2: 4-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***All: Thanks be to God!***

\*Hymn 434            ***Our God is Love, and All His Saints*** (Children Dismissed)

Sermon:            **With Jesus, It's Personal...Or Is It?**

Pastor Wes Oden

The Lord's Supper            ***Arise, My Soul, Arise***

***O How Good it Is***

***Children of the Heavenly Father*** (Hymn 49)

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Psalm XIX: "The Heavens are Telling"* .....Benedetto Marcello

\*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Jessica Romance

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:** 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 goodness of God is evident in His wondrous gift of creation. At this time of year when the leaves are changing and the air is cooler, we rejoice in our creative God. On this day set aside for corporate worship, let us turn our full attention to Him and give thanks for every gift of His grace. We welcome Houghton College alumni, family and friends to worship today.

**TONIGHT KOINONIA** meets at 7 p.m. in the Center for the Arts Recital Room.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Pastor Wes' sermon focuses on the tension of authority: *When Prayer Is What Saves Us*.

**PRAYER VIGIL:** Plans are in the works for our annual three-week, 24/7 prayer vigil. It starts November 3. This year's theme *Tension to Tapestry* connects us this fall's sermon and small group series. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

**SMALL GROUPS CONTINUE.** Those seeking a Small Group, please contact [paulshea@hwchurch.org](mailto:paulshea@hwchurch.org)

**PLAYGROUP** meets Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 in the Community Room/Gym. All moms, dads, caregivers and kids are welcomed.

**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](mailto: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.

**STEWARDSHIP** Received (June 1—Present): \$ 246,527.57  
Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$ 278,415.54

**MISSION MOMENT** - CompassCare is a Christ-centered team dedicated to erasing the need for abortion by transforming women's fear into confidence. We continue to pray for and support this ministry in our region.

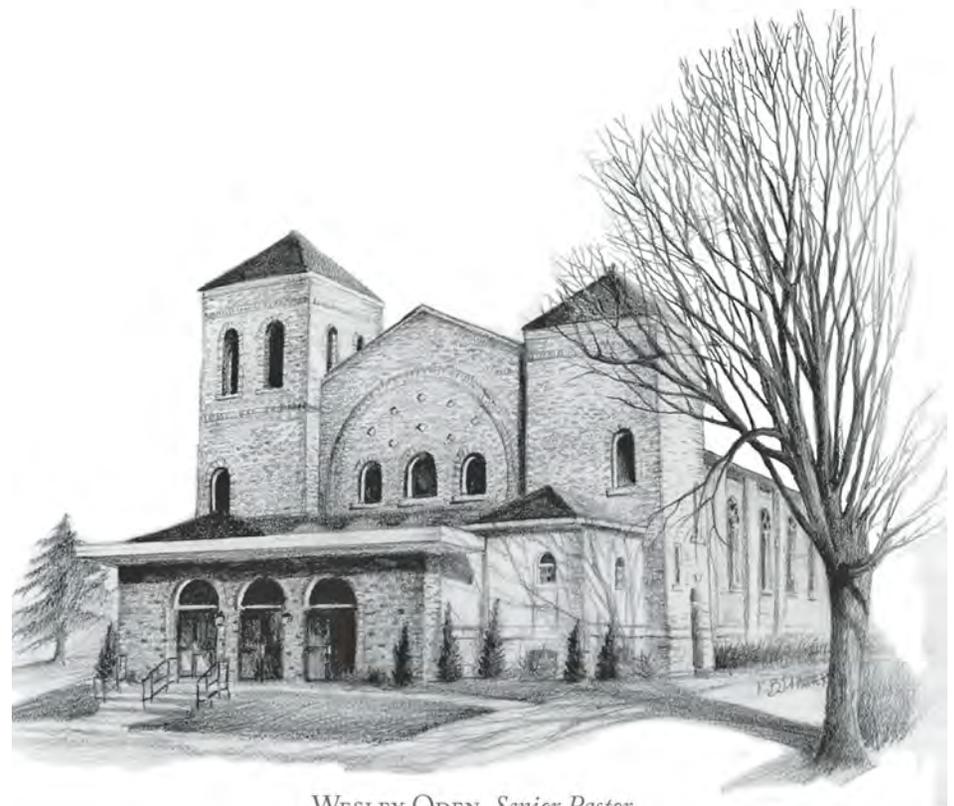
**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Jesus' words: "Blessed are the peacemakers." We pray for all humans suffering the effects of war – death, grief, injuries, loss of shelter, schools, livelihood, hope. May God send peacemakers to overcome violence, greed, hate, suffering in many places.

**CHURCH WEBSITE:** Please visit our church website ([www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org)) for information relating to the church and ministries.

**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 Elijah 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 Little Valley Wesleyan Church, (Pastor Dan Butcher).



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



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**THE SIXTH ANNUAL**



**HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH**

**Family Harvest  
Extravaganza**

**OCTOBER 26 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Games  
Crafts  
Hay Rides\*  
Bounce House**

**Prizes  
Snacks  
Live Animals\*  
Facepainting**



**AND JOIN US FOR:**

**Valley Preschool  
Open House**



**Youth Group  
Pulled Pork Take-out  
Fundraiser Dinner**  
•11:30 until sold out  
•By Donation

**NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH CELEBRATION AT NO COST**

*\*Weather Permitting*

**Donations of candy, individual, pre-packaged pretzels, and goldfish crackers are greatly appreciated. Please drop your donations off at the church office any time during office hours, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to noon or 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or on Sunday mornings.**

**Contact Emily Spateholts or Cindy Oden**



**We are also looking for food donations to help make the Family Harvest Extravaganza a success! If you would like to serve our community in this way, please sign up to bake a breakfast treat or shop for drinks:**

**<https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/CNTL3157>.**

**Donations can be dropped off at the church on Friday, October 25th. Please contact Susie Roorbach with any questions at [susanna.roorbach12@houghton.edu](mailto:susanna.roorbach12@houghton.edu) or 716-374-4290 (text or call).**