

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP OCTOBER 13, 2019

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

Prelude: *There is a Spirit that Delights to Do No Evil*Ned Rorem
(from *A Quaker Reader*)

*Call to Worship (from Philippians 2)

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

Rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father!

*Invocation

*Hymn 75 ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Youth

Anthem: *Who Hath a Right Like Us to Sing?*Jane Marshall

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 3: 1-18

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 "Jesus, the Name High Over All"* (Hymn 104) ..Robin Dinda
(Reminder: If you give online, please place an **I Gave Online** card in the offering plate as it is passed.)

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, our sin is ever before us—an unkind word, a jealous spirit, a harsh reply, a twisted truth, an apathetic response, an unrealistic expectation, a sinful choice. Set us free from the insecurities that drive us and forgive us for the self-centered ways in which we too often live. Let us hear once again your words of pardon, “In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.” 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: ***Behold Our God***

*New Testament Reading: Romans 13: 1-7; Mark 11: 15-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 74 ***Beautiful Savior*** (children dismissed)

Sermon: **The Challenging Tension of Authority**
Pastor Wes Oden

*Hymn 104 ***Jesus, the Name High Over All***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Menuet Gothique*Leon Boellman

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Luke Huizenga

Acolyte: Zoey Clem

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 apostle Paul writes, "So now there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). As we gather here may we embrace the freedom that God has bestowed on us. Let us come together as one body, that we may exercise this freedom and use it to cultivate a community of faith. May our worship today leave us renewed by His power and convinced of His love.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we will gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Pastor Wes' sermon will focus on the idea *Praying about Pain* (Philippians 1).

TONIGHT KOINONIA meets at 7 p.m. in Wesley Chapel.

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: We are specifically looking for hygiene items like washcloths, toothbrushes, hairbrushes/combs, and hair ties (no soaps or toothpastes) and toys like yo-yos, balls, matchbox cars, play-doh, slinky, stuffed animals or figures. Drop off 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.

STEWARDSHIP Received (June 1—Present): \$ 267,025.73
 Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$ 293,883.07

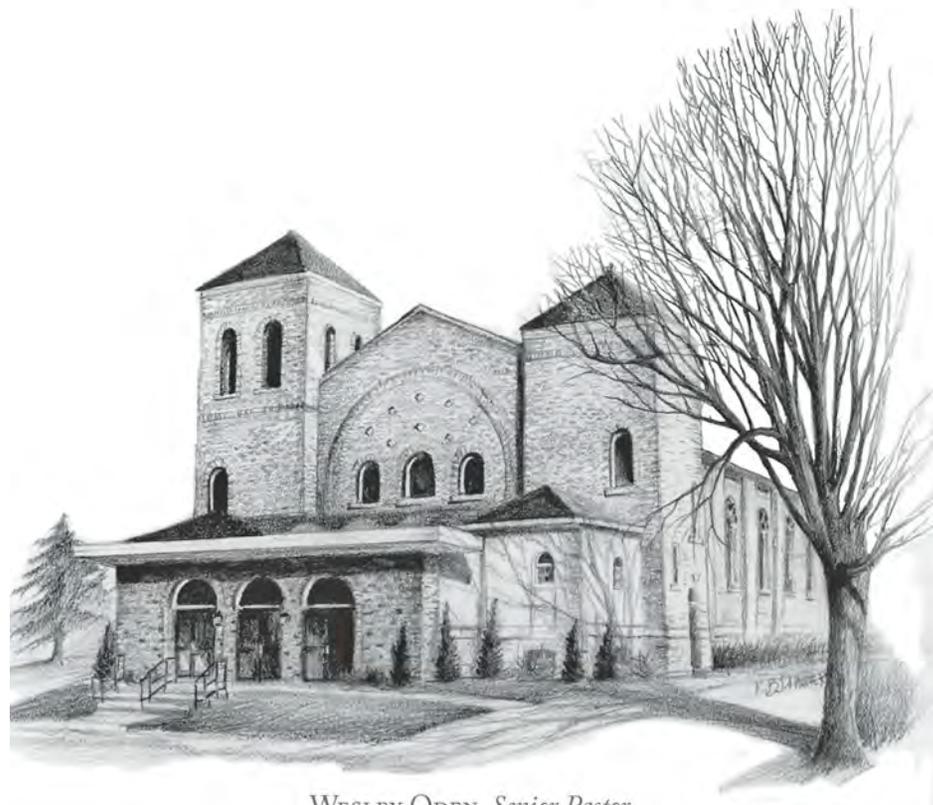
MISSION MOMENT - Pray for several leaders of Rochester Youth Association, including Mateo Hess, currently holding Gospel campaigns in areas of Colombia, S.A. Houghton Church supports this multi-ethnic youth ministry in Rochester, NY with its strong ties to the churches of Colombia and Ecuador as well as outreach in the city.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Meanwhile, reports come of a rural Colombian pastor murdered in August, the fourth church leader to be killed in the last eleven months for opposition to illegal armed groups. Pray for 39-year-old Pastor Salcedo's family and the churches in that region.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Shelley Noyes and her family at the death of her father and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: 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 Lockport Wesleyan Church, (Pastor Matt Rose).



*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 or 716-374-4290 (text or call).

STEWARDSHIP *A Life of Generosity*

Houghton Wesleyan Church is blessed by faithful and generous giving from its members. In fact, this year the Elders were faced with an unusual situation – a budget surplus. The surplus from Fiscal Year 2019 was \$39,552 (\$2,948 from gifts above budget plus \$36,604 under spent budget).

The Stewardship Committee spent considerable time discussing what to do with this surplus and recommended to the Elders the following distribution, which they approved:

- \$15,000 - Outreach
 - \$6,500 Global Missions—\$341 to each of our 19 supported missionaries
 - \$6,500 Local Outreach—Benevolent Funds used to assist a variety of people, some in our church, many not;
 - \$2,000 Valley Preschool scholarships
- \$12,052 – Reserve Fund (to keep our church financially stable in the case of unexpected, emergency needs)
- \$5,000 – Other projects not included in the Financial Plan
- \$7,500 – Pulpit supply during a Sabbatical for Pastors Wes and Cindy (at some point in the future).

Thank you for investing your time, talent and treasure that we might be the church God intends us to be. If you have any questions about the financial plan or church finances, please don't hesitate to contact one of the church Elders or Treasurer David Mercer or Pastor Wes.

Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

2 Cor. 9:11 NLT

