

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP NOVEMBER 3, 2019

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

Hymn Preludes John G. Barr

*What Wondrous Love is This
Humbly We Adore Thee*

*Call to Worship (from Hebrews 4)

For 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 462 ***For All the Saints***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Anthem: *Enter Now This Place*Jane Marshall

Old Testament Reading: Hosea 11:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

****Gloria Patri***

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Tapeceiro (Weaver)*Stênio Marcius
Mila Lima, Milena Lima, Pablo Barra, Eden Jones

Prayer of Confession

God of our fathers, we see the faith, courage and holiness of those who have gone before us and we realize how often we fall short of their witness. Forgive us when doubts stifle our faith. Forgive us when fear paralyzes our courage. Forgive us when our desire for self, overwhelms our desire to be holy. As we pray these words of confession, let us hear your promise of pardon: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 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.

*New Testament Reading: John 8:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 270 ***Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness***

Sermon: **All Is Grace...Or Is It?**

Pastor Wes Oden

The Lord's Supper ***Behold the Lamb
Before the Throne of God Above
And Can it Be?*** (Hymn 273)

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: Fugue in G minor, BWV 578

Makena James, organ

J.S. Bach

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Pastor Jon Cole

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 the Nursery (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. God tells the prophet Jeremiah, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (33:3). We gather in worship today calling out to God, asking for Him to reveal the unsearchable richest of His grace. May God give us ears to hear.

TONIGHT: In anticipation of the prayer event, dedicating these weeks to God and asking God to do something miraculous for us, we are kicking off our Prayer Vigil today with a **prayer walk at 4:00pm** from Houghton College chapel steps to the church, followed by a gathering in the sanctuary at **4:30pm**. This brief time of singing, scripture and lighting of candles will conclude by a little after 5:00.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Wes's sermon directs our attention to the tension of God's primary witness in this world. *The Tension of God's Presence in This World* is from John 15:26-27. We gather for worship services at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00.

PRAYER VIGIL EVENT: Our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil begins today at 5:00 p.m. You can sign up this morning in the sanctuary and CE building foyers or anytime online (hwchurch.org) for an hour or more. Please contact the church office if you do not have internet access or are unsure about signing up online. Please note that security personnel will be on duty during from midnight to 4:00am to assist you. This year's theme connects with the sermon series *Tension to Tapestry*. The prayer room has been designed in a variety of ways to help us experience this theme.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED

CHURCH: Today we join with churches across the globe in praying for our brothers and sisters who face persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ. The website: <https://www.opendoorsusa.org/international-day-of-prayer-2019/> contains more information concerning this vital ministry of prayer.

MISSION MOMENT We pray safety and God's blessing as Laurie Smalley travels to Eleuthera this weekend to attend with Rev. Kim Gladden the funeral of esteemed local church leader, Mama Flo, who had welcomed the annual Eleuthera ministry for 17 years. Christians there are ministering daily to resettled hurricane Dorian victims.

All packed **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** are due by **November 10**. Please drop them off at the Community Room foyer on or before this date.

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

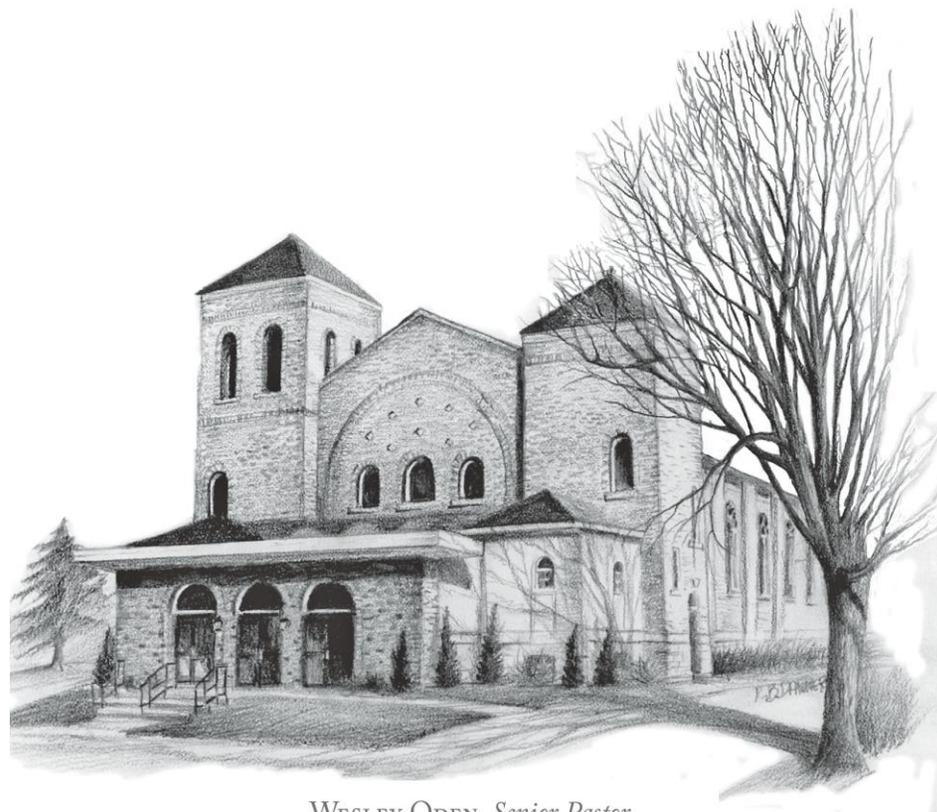
CELEBRATE RECOVERY meets Thursdays from 7-9 pm in the Good Shepherd Room beneath the sanctuary.

STEWARDSHIP Received (June 1—Present): \$ 307,964.80
 Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$ 340,285.66

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family of Rolland Fletcher and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Phyllis Osgood, Cindy Lastoria, Leonard Watson, Annajean McClarin (Janet Stegen's aunt), Jerry Isaman (Joe Breton's step-father), 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 North Collins Wesleyan Church (Pastor Justin Leininger).



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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