

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 19, 2020
10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (arr. Craig Phillips)

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 150)

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

Praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,

Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 377: ***A Mighty Fortress is our God***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Recognizing our Graduates

Children's Sermon

Stephan Schilke

Songs of Adoration: ***Build Your Kingdom Here; Do it Again***

Ministry in Music: *King of the World* (Natalie Grant)

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Time of Prayer

Please feel free sit, stand, or kneel as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.

Scripture Reading: James 1: 19-27

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. ***All: Thanks be to God!***

Song of Preparation: ***Show Us Christ***

Sermon: **What Do We Look Like?**

Rev. Dr. Jon Case

Hymn of Response 423: ***May the Mind of Christ, My Savior***

Benediction

Postlude: *To God Be the Glory* (arr. Christopher Tambling)

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Sharon Johnson

Music Ministry Team:

Andrew Silbert, guitar & vocals; Hannah Roeske, vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Jan Schilke, keyboard; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Whether you are a guest or a regular participant in the worship of this congregation, we join together to remember the many blessings of God upon our lives and to respond to him in thanksgiving and obedience. As we sing, pray, read scripture, and hear the word of God proclaimed, let us open our hearts to him and in so doing receive peace, strength and love from his gracious hand.

GUEST PREACHER: Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Case as our guest preacher. Jon is Professor of Theology at Houghton College and an ordained minister in The Wesleyan Church. We appreciate his willingness to share God's Word with us today.

RECOGNIZING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: We are grateful to God for the gift of our students! Let's remember to pray for them as they transition to college in these uncertain times.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING you are invited to worship online at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Wes will be preaching from Psalm 63, *Do We Yearn for God?*

REOPENING INFORMATION: As you are hopefully aware by now, due to growing concerns that the Covid-19 virus is transmitted not only by droplets but also through air particles, the Elders (on the recommendation of the Reopening Task Force Worship subcommittee) have made the decision to postpone reopening the church for worship. We are working on gatherings (masks and social distancing) to enable us to be together. One such event is Judy Congdon's organ program this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. In addition to the event being streamed, if you are interested in being in the sanctuary during the event, you are welcome to make a reservation with these caveats: seating is limited to specified areas of the church to enable social distancing and masks must be worn in the building. Reservations for this event can be made on the church website by clicking the box "Reservations."

VALLEY PRESCHOOL: Though we can't know for sure what the fall looks like yet, the Valley Preschool team is starting to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year. Valley Preschool meets three mornings a week at the Church and is a great introduction for children to school with plenty of hands-on lessons and social interaction with peers. If you have or know of a 3-5 year old who might be interested in preschool, we invite you to fill out an application today; these are available on Facebook, the website, at the Church office or by contacting Casda Danner or Emily Spateholts.

STEWARDSHIP Received (June 1–Present): \$93,181.27 Budgeted (June 1–Present): \$94,589.88

MISSION MOMENT – High in the northern mountains of Haiti, our missionaries, Kris and Cory Thede, send regular blog reports of agricultural and Gospel progress in the midst of COVID-19, dry weather, and ongoing unrest in that needy nation. (See <https://portmargot.blogspot.com/>) Keep the Thedes and the many churches and Christians across that island in our prayers.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – We focus prayer on Lebanon – a country in turmoil in all the ways the world faces today – pandemic, inter-faith tension, economic crisis and with rising political turmoil. The Church in Lebanon has born faithful witness of Jesus' Good News, ministering to many Syrian refugees for years. Now many struggle for day to day needs. Pray for strength, joy, and courage in these hard times.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Tobias Webb, Luiz Plaza (Alejandra Koch's father), Marzella Harrison, Grace Taylor, Wendy Ott, Chelsea Ellis, Paulette Schierer, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Karen Szymanski, Cindy Lastoria, Leonard Watson, Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Ruby Schierer Williams, Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, 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, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Eila Shea, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter; for all effected by the coronavirus—grieving, ill, healthcare professionals, the workforce at risk and leaders; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our government; for the Black Creek Baptist Church (Pastor John Asquith).

Houghton Wesleyan Church High School Graduates of 2020

Houghton Academy

| | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Aiden Feng | Ali Tucker |
| Ayo Banwo | Bolin Chen |
| Carissa Hilsher | Carl Cho |
| Crystal Huang | Chujung Li |
| Crystal Wang | Heidi Sardina |
| Isabella Paschalis | Lee Murray |
| Lexi Martino | Lydia Zheng |
| Maria Caputo | Naza Okafor |
| Sadie Noyes | Sarah Retz |
| Selena Wang | Toby Wang |
| Tom Yu | Zoey Zhou |

Fillmore Central School

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Clayton Templeton | Hannah Roeske |
| Julia Columbo | Levi Webb |
| Luke Cole | Tobias Webb |

Belfast Central School

Adelaide Sullivan

Cuba-Rushford Central School

Kate Howe