

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 2, 2020
10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Choral Improvisation on "Now Thank We All"* (Sigfried Karg-Elert)
"How Firm a Foundation" (arr. David M. Cherwien)

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 23)

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

*Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 404: *How Firm a Foundation*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Sneak Peek: Contemplative Service

Celebration of Ministry: Royal Family Kids Camp

Children's Sermon
Jamie Potter

Songs of Adoration: *Amen (Because He Lives); Psalm 23; I Am Not Alone*

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, how often we allow our sin and iniquity to cloud our judgment. We deafen our ears to your voice and allow the voice of selfishness, greed, maliciousness and discontent to guide our minds and influence our ways. As a Church we acknowledge our guilt to you.

Father, we thank you that you hear us, that you speak to us and that you love us.

**Make our hearts still, so that we may hear you call us forth
with your own voice of love, charity, forgiveness and grace.**

Let us hear your voice that calls us "beloved," and may we rest in you that we may be your Church. Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 105:16-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Preparation 460: *Abide with Me*

Sermon: **Protect the Prison**

Rev. Dr. Michael Jordan

Song of Response: *My Worth is Not in What I Own*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Jane Miner

Music Ministry Team:

Jessica Romance and Evelyn Cox, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;
Bekah Brennan, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. God has blessed us this summer. In the highs and lows of life, God is our constant help and strength. This morning, we worship to offer our gratitude for His numerous blessings and to ask for His power and love in the days ahead.

GUEST PREACHER: Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Michael Jordan, Dean of the Chapel at Houghton College as our guest preacher.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for online worship at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Wes will be preaching from Psalm 96, on the *God of All Nations*.

THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAM: This Thursday evening at 6:30, we invite you to join in an Outdoor Time of Worship. We will meet together outside, socially distanced and singing. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Sign up for your group at <https://outdoorworship.youcanbookme.me> This event will be livestreamed to Facebook.

REOPENING INFORMATION: We are postponing our reopening, but we are working on ways to supplement online worship. One such event is **A CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE OF SCRIPTURE, SILENCE AND MEDITATION, MONDAY, ON AUGUST 10**, 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Journaling is encouraged. [Make a reservation by using the church website](#) or calling the church office. Seating is limited, assigned, and socially distanced. Masks will be required.

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): \$123,130.25 Budgeted (June 1-Present): \$126,119.84

FOOD DRIVE-THRU MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 3:30 to 5:00 begins in the church parking lot and finishes in the college parking lot. Register at 585-209-0052 to participate. Each car will receive three cartons of food, one each of dairy, fresh produce, and meat.

YMCA PLAY PACK PROGRAM August 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church parking lot. Families drive through or walk through for a free Play Pack (rubber ball, 2 tennis balls, jump rope, frisbee, bubbles, sidewalk chalk & State of Play cards.)

SUBSCRIBE HERE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL: Don't miss a Children's Sermon, Weekly Update, or Special Music.

MISSION MOMENT - Think about the strained travel circumstances these days, along with the challenges facing campuses hoping to open across the country. Let us pray for our missionary families as children return to schools and colleges this month. (Christiansen and Thede families are among those we support.) We pray for all students and parents alike in their concerns. And we pray for guidance for Houghton College and Academy in their desire to welcome TCKs and internationals to our community.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - The 2020 Open Doors Watch List includes these as the ten most difficult places to be a Christian in our world: North Korea, Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya, Pakistan, Eritrea, Sudan, Yemen, Iran and India. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who suffer greatly, often worship only in secret, and cannot share their faith without high risk. Faith in and loyalty to Jesus Christ comes at a high cost to millions around the globe.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Sarah Gurley, Sharon McGarvey, Luis 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 Caneadea Hills Church (Pastor Ken Jamusz).