

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 16, 2020  
10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

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Prelude: Verset on *LANDAS* (J. Spong)

Welcome

**Call to Worship** (from Psalm 25)

In You, Lord our God, we put our trust.

*We trust in You; do not let us be put to shame, nor let our enemies triumph over us.*

No one who hopes in You will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

*Show us Your ways, Lord, teach us Your paths.*

*Guide us in Your truth and teach us, for You are God our Savior, and our hope is in You all day long.*

Remember, Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

*Do not remember the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways;  
according to Your love remember us, for You, Lord, are good.*

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 393: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* (tune of Solid Rock)

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Ann McNeill

Songs of Adoration: *My Hope is in You; Living Hope; It is Well with My Soul*

Prayer of Confession

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-5

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

Hymn of Preparation 381: *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

Sermon: **Hope!**

Pastor Jon Cole

Communion: *Christ our Hope in Life and Death*

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Matt Webb

Music Ministry Team:

Matt Cox, guitar & vocals; Hannah Roeske, vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Bekah Brennan, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Each week we face the ups and downs of human living. We worship this morning to proclaim that the Lord is God and that we worship him as our King.

**VIRTUAL PRAYER VIGIL:** Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Our nation and world needs prayer as pandemic cases rise. Our leaders need prayer for good decision-making. Please sign up now for at least 15 minutes to pray (<https://hwchurch.org/prayer/>).

**ICE CREAM GIVE-AWAY:** Wednesday, August 19, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., the pastoral staff will be in the church parking lot with ice cream to give away. This is not just for children but for all of us. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity for us to see you and for you to see us.

**THERE IS NO THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAM SCHEDULED THIS WEEK.**

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Pastor Wes preaches from Psalm 133, *Thinking about Unity*. We gather for online worship at 10:00 a.m.

**A VALLEY PRESCHOOL FAMILY OUTDOOR WRAP-UP EVENT MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 9:30 – 11:00 A.M.**

Families whose children attended Valley Preschool during the 2019-20 school year are invited to come say hello (and good-bye) to VPS staff and to pick up a packet of papers & projects, your time capsules, and a little year-end gift. Since we will be outside, as long as families remain in their own family grouping (social distancing from other families) masks will not be required. We ask that families come past our greeting stations one at a time, practicing social distancing. We will be in the parking lot in some shade away from the main driveway area eager to greet and briefly chat with children and families as they come past to pick up these items. In the case of rain we'll be under the overhang at the entrance of the Christian Education Building. We're very excited to see you again!

**VALLEY PRESCHOOL:** We are making plans in hopes of opening VPS this fall with approved protocols and procedures. 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 ([casdadanner@hwchurch.org](mailto:casdadanner@hwchurch.org)) or Emily Spateholts ([emilyspateholts@hwchurch.org](mailto:emilyspateholts@hwchurch.org)).

**STEWARDSHIP** Received (June 1–Present): \$153,544.89                      Budgeted (June 1-Present): \$157,649.80

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

**MISSION MOMENT** – Houghton Wesleyan has long ties to Haiti – most recently our Christmas offering for the village partnership at Canaan outside Port-au-Prince. Another connection 10 miles off the mainland, is help for the LaGonave Wesleyan Hospital, making major adjustments at great expense to handle the COVID-19 demands on the island. Let us pray for wisdom as Christ's compassion and love is shared. Global Partners and World Hope are very active in the hospital's outreach.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – The evangelical churches and ministries in Beirut have always openly shared Christ in word and deed, but the recent explosion and deep unrest has given even more weight to their witness. While helping hundreds of refugees to consistently modeling Christ's love to Muslim neighbors, Christians are now sharing food, furniture, skills, and helping folks recover from the terrible event of last week. Now in political turmoil, Lebanon and its believers need our prayers more than ever.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Jack Leax, Sarah Gurley, 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, including Beirut, Lebanon; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our government; for the Oakland Wesleyan Church, Nunda (Pastor Paul Palmer).