

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 30, 2020  
10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

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Prelude: *Prelude in G major*, Op. 37, No. 2 (Mendelssohn)

Welcome

Call to Worship (from Psalm 34)

We will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on our lips.

***We will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.***

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

***I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.***

Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

***We called, and the Lord heard us; he saved us out of all our troubles.***

***The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.***

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

***Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.***

Hymn of Praise 18: ***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Missions Update

Children's Sermon: The Hoffman Family

Songs of Adoration: ***Song of My Heart; Do it Again***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 146

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

Hymn of Preparation 71: ***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

Sermon: **Redefining Worship**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song of Response: ***Behold Our God***

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Sara Massey

Music Ministry Team:

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

Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Alison Young Reusser, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** We join our hearts and minds, even if from a distance, to worship God. In our worship, we remember that he loves us, that he is for us, and that his desires for us are far greater than we could ever imagine. May God open our eyes, our ears, our minds and our hearts to him.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes begins a series of sermons that focus on our Journey with Jesus. Throughout the Sundays this fall, we will be thinking about how following Jesus is the pathway to experiencing joy in Jesus using road signs as metaphors. Next week's sermon is from Genesis 12 that asks the question: *You Want Me to Go Where?* Please join us for outdoor worship 8:30 and for online worship at 10:00. If you plan to attend the outdoor worship service, either in the seating area or in your vehicle, please register on the church website.

**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/>).

**THURSDAY EVENING GATHERING:** This Thursday evening at 6:30, our church organist Judy Congdon will present a program of organ music. This event will be streamed through the regular channels. You are also invited to come to the church to experience the program. You will need to make a reservation (either on the church website or by calling the church office) to attend. Seating will be socially distanced and masks are required in the building.

**CHURCH LIBRARY IS OPEN:** To use the library, you will need to follow a few guidelines: 1) masks must be worn in the building at all times; 2) use hand sanitizer (provided) before entering the library; 3) library doors will remain open and fans will be moving air in and out; 4) returned books will be cleaned and remain a few days before being placed on the shelves again; 5) only one family unit per hour will be permitted in the library; 6) in order to maintain the one family per hour requirement, please call the church office to reserve your hour.

**VALLEY PRESCHOOL:** We have been approved by the state and by the Elders to open 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): \$170,840.77                      Budgeted (June 1–Present): \$189,179.76

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

**MISSION MOMENT** – The Rochester Youth Association and the WNY Intercultural Outreach Center (One Mission) are leading a major effort to connect the Central and Western NY Hispanic Christian communities in prayer, worship and unity. Mateo Hess and others are building a broad network this Fall leading to Fall 2021 gathering. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide planning and preps and that the project will glorify Christ, the Lord of the nations.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Pray for evangelical Christians in Iraq, a place with some of Christianity's deepest roots. The General Society for Iraqi National Evangelical Churches has petitioned the UN Human Rights Committee for Iraqi government recognition, without which churches cannot own property, open banks accounts, operate schools or health clinics, or publish materials. (Reported in CT Sept. issue)

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Sarah Gurley, 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 logistics and safety of faculty, staff and students at all of our area public schools as well as Houghton College and Houghton Academy; for the Dalton United Methodist Church (Pastor Lauren Turner).

For more information about church activities, please visit our website: [www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org) or email us at [info@hwchurch.org](mailto:info@hwchurch.org).