

Outdoor Worship Service
August 30, 2020 at 8:30am

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration:

Song of My Heart

Do it Again

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Psalm 146

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **Redefining Worship**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song of Response: *Behold Our God*

Benediction

Music Ministry Team:

Matt Cox, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, 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) or Emily Spateholts (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 or email us at info@hwchurch.org.

Song Of My Heart

Just like a tree that grows
by the water
Let the strong winds blow
I will not move
Just like a child secure
in the love of a Father
Never letting go I cling to You

In ev'ry situation

Beyond all fear and doubt

No matter what I'm facing

The song of my heart

is ringing out

I'll stand on Your promise

I will not be moved

Nothing can tear us apart

My faith won't be shaken

I'm anchored in You

In death and in life You remain

The song of my heart

When all is said and done
and the storm is over
You are tried and true
You never change
When all is sinking sand
You're a strong foundation
Ev'rything else will fade
but You remain

Chorus

With ev'ry breath that I take
With ev'ry beat of my heart
God I will sing to the world
Faithful You've been
Faithful You are
(Sing 3x)

Chorus

Do It Again

Verse 1

Walking around these walls
I thought by now they'd fall
But you have never failed me yet
Waiting for change to come
Knowing the battle's won
For you have never failed me yet

Chorus

Your promise still stands

Great is your faithfulness

Faithfulness

I'm still in your hands

This is my confidence

You've never failed me yet

Verse 2

I know the night won't last
Your word will come to pass
My heart will sing your praise again
Jesus you're still enough
Keep me within your love
My heart will sing your praise again

Chorus

Bridge

I've seen you move
You move the mountains
And I believe
I'll see you do it again
You made a way
Where there was no way
And I believe
I'll see you do it again

Chorus

Behold Our God

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne

Come let us adore Him

Behold our King nothing can compare

Come let us adore Him

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Chorus

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Chorus

Bridge

Men: You will reign forever
Women: Let Your glory fill the earth
(Sing 6x)