

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

[10:00 STREAMING SERVICE](#)

Prelude: *Fugue in C major*, BWV 545 (J. S. Bach)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”
***“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”***

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 449: ***Like a River Glorious***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children’s Sermon: Ann McNeill

Songs of Adoration: ***Lord, You are Good; Still, My Soul, Be Still;
Be Still and Know***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Mark 2:23-28

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

Hymn of Preparation 448: ***Near to the Heart of God***

Sermon: **I Don’t Need to Stop!**
~ Joy in the Journey Sermon Series ~
Pastor Wes Oden

Song of Response: ***Be Still, My Soul***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Nuk Kongkaw

Music Ministry Team:

Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Jeff Babbitt, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;
Bekah Brennan, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

*The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Luke Benjamin Ciobanu on April 19
to Elizabeth and Vali, Anna, Zoe, and Naomi.*

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The prophet Isaiah declares to God’s people: “Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters... Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near” (55:1,6, NIV). As we ponder the gracious invitation of God for His people, may God inspire us to take Him up on His offer, knowing that He who calls us loves us and wants to do above and beyond what we are able to ask or imagine.

KOINONIA: Join us tonight for Koinonia at Houghton Wesleyan Church! Koinonia, our college student-led worship ministry will be meeting in the sanctuary for the remainder of the semester. Come worship with us at 7pm on Sunday evenings. Reservations are required and you can sign up now at our website, <https://hwchurch.org/sign-up-events/>

THURSDAY EVENING, 6:30PM: Judy Congdon presents an hour of organ music. You are invited to come to the sanctuary by [reserving a seat](#) or to access the event via streaming.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7 TO 8 PM: Celebrate Recovery meets in the Community Room for Lesson 1.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we invite you to join us for streaming worship at 10:00 and outdoor worship at 11:15. Pastor Wes will preach about *The Sign We Overlook* and our response, *I Never Paid Attention to That* from Leviticus 23. Reservations are needed for both outdoor and indoor worship (including overflow streaming on the large screen in the gym), which may be done [on the church website](#) or by calling the church office (585-567-2264).

HARVEST TREAT BAG DRIVE-THROUGH INVITATION: Saturday, October 31, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. You are invited to come to the church parking lot to receive a bag filled with treats. The Pastoral Staff will be dressed-up to give out the treat bags and to greet you as you drive through the parking lot. Children and youth are invited to dress-up as well or to decorate your vehicle.

HARVEST TREAT BAG DRIVE-THROUGH DONATIONS: Donations of candy, individual, pre-packaged pretzels, potato chips, goldfish crackers, and gummy fruit snacks are great appreciated for filling the treat bags for the Harvest Drive-Through. Please drop your donation off in the container inside the door at the church office or you make bring them on Sunday mornings.

STEWARDSHIP Budget Need: \$252,239.68 Budget Received: \$237,602.32

MISSION MOMENT – We pray weekly for various members of our extended global family. What a privilege to help send out workers for the harvest (Matt. 9:37-38). Learn more each month about what these ambassadors are telling us to pray about by reading the “Mission Mailbag” -- a compilation of short clips from their newsletters. Contact Church Office (office@hwchurch.org) to receive the latest. Contact donna.dean.zoller@gmail.com to be added to the monthly Missionary Mailbag email list.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Good news! Yes, there is good news as many Muslims kept from weekly public prayers by Covid 19 restrictions are actually conversing with Christians. Reports are coming of those turning to “Issa,” Jesus, as savior. From Egypt is news of “Mostafa” being sent to spy on a cousin attending church. The worship and words pierced his heart, and subsequent, deep conversations and a dream of Jesus offering forgiveness from the cross convinced him to turn to Jesus himself. Pray for more such news.

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 Nunda United Methodist Church (Pastor Ann Robinson).