

Outdoor Worship Service

September 6, 2020 at 8:30am

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration:
This is Amazing Grace
Christ of the Mysteries

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-9
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. *All: Thanks be to God!*

Sermon: **You Want Me to Go Where?**
Pastor Wes Oden

Song of Response: *Oceans*

Benediction

Music Ministry Team:

Andrew Silbert, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, vocals; Simon Sardina, cajón

[TODAY'S CHILDREN'S SERMON BY PASTOR JON](https://youtu.be/sv-XPrYdwFU)

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist proclaims, “The Lord is great...and he is high above all the people...Exalt the Lord our God, and worship...for the Lord our God is holy” (Psalm 99: 2, 9). We worship today to acknowledge that God is great and holy, that we are his people and that we owe our lives to him. Through music, prayer, the reading of Scripture, and the spoken word we an opportunity to experience the grace of God in Christ.

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/>).

NO THURSDAY EVENING EVENT THIS WEEK.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we invite you to join us for outdoor worship at 8:30 or for streaming worship at 10:00. Next Sunday Pastor Wes leads us to think about *A Deadly Sign* and our response, *I Can Make It!* from Genesis 4. If you plan to attend the outdoor worship service, either in the seating area or in your vehicle, please register on the church website.

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.

WANTED: BAKERS OF ALL AGES! Bakers still needed to make Cookies of Encouragement for the staff at Houghton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Our goal is to send a dozen cookies to each worker in the coming weeks. Won't you volunteer to bake and write a note of thanks and continuing prayer to these essential workers who minister to our friends and relatives? Send Ann McNeill an email at annmcneill@hwchurch.org to volunteer and get more information. Many thanks to those who have already joined our effort!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: If you are interested in helping as an usher or parking attendant at the outdoor worship services, please contact Pastor Jon (joncole@hwchurch.org) or Ann McNeill (annmcneill@hwchurch.org).

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES: For more than 20 years, our church has been a delivery center for Meals on Wheels, delivering noon meals (Monday – Friday) to needy people in Houghton and Fillmore. Due to various life changes, some of our drivers are now unable to continue. In order to create a schedule in which each driver delivers only one day a month, we need 7 additional drivers. Delivery begins about 11:30 a.m. and is typically completed in less than 45 minutes. Do you have 45 minutes once a month to make sure that people get a nutritious meal each day? To volunteer or for more information, contact Judi Mayhle (567-8241 or dmayhle@hotmail.com).

STEWARDSHIP

Received (June 1–Present): \$178,619.32

Budgeted (June 1–Present): \$204,944.74

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

MISSION MOMENT – Recent news from Chris and Kory Thede, our ag and medical missionaries in northern Haiti, tells of experiencing tropical storms and bracing for further hurricane season possibilities. But God has provided good success with farming projects in the Wesleyan Church's two sites. Prayer needs cover the spectrum from good weather and food supplies for people, to Covid 19 control and political stability, and for the September restart of the Nursing University at LaGonave Hospital. See their blog at <http://portmargot.blogspot.com/> for photos and monthly reports.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – We pray for all North Koreans during this time of “ghost disease,” but especially focus on the half million believers, tens of thousands in brutal labor camps, who have no freedom of worship. The country itself has had a terrible 2020 with Covid 19 adding to its woes. Food is scarce and costly. Aid and supply avenues have been cut off. May Christ enable his people to endure suffering and share His love with others longing for hope and abundant life.

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 Friendship Church of God in Christ (Pastor Shawn Hall).

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This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory
the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Chorus

*This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for
all that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory
the King of Glory

Who rules the nations
with truth and justice
Shines like the sun
in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Chorus

Bridge (3x)

Worthy is the Lamb
who was slain
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave (3x)

Chorus

Christ of the Mysteries

Help me to journey beyond the familiar
and into the unknown
Give me the faith to leave old ways
and break fresh ground with You
My heart is focused on your presence,
the presence of the One who draws me forward

Chorus

*Christ of the mysteries, I trust You
Christ of the mysteries, I trust You to be
stronger than each storm that rises within me
Christ of the mysteries, I trust You
I find my every hope within You
I will trust, in the darkness, and know
that my times, even now are in Your hand*

Help me step forward on paths that are winding,
relying on Your grace
Keeping my eyes on my Savior,
the Author and Perfector of my faith
I know that I can rest within You
I know that You are Who You say You are!

Chorus

Bridge

Tune my spirit to the music of Heaven,
and somehow make my obedience
count for You
Call my spirit to believe You in all things,
Stepping forward in the power
of Your faithfulness

Chorus

Oceans

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown
where feet may fail
And there I find You
in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus

*And I will call
upon Your name
And keep my eyes
above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest
in Your embrace
For I am Yours
and You are mine*

Your grace abounds
in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand
will be my guide
Where feet may fail
and fear surrounds me
You've never failed
and You won't start now

Chorus

Bridge (3x)

Spirit lead me where my trust
is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than
my feet could ever wander
And my faith
will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior

Chorus

