

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

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Prelude: *Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit*, BWV 669 (J. S. Bach)

Welcome

Hymn of Praise: *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Pastor Jon Cole

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

Ministry in Music: *Joy in the Journey*

Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace, we do not sacrifice ourselves so that others may hear the good news of Jesus. In your mercy cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ as we hear the words of Jesus: *If you confess your sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive your sins. Amen.***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

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

Hymn of Preparation 59: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Sermon: **You Want Me to Go Where?**

*Joy in the Journey*

Pastor Wes Oden

Song of Response: *Oceans*

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: James Mullen

Music Ministry Team:

Andrew Silbert, guitar & vocals; Kristen Sanasith, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;  
Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Simon Sardina, cajón

**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](mailto: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](mailto:joncole@hwchurch.org)) or Ann McNeill ([annmcneill@hwchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 Elijah 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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