

# Outdoor Worship Service

October 18, 2020 at 11:15am

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration:

*Indescribable*

*God of Wonders*

*Creation Sings the Father's Song*

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-25

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

Sermon: **What a Nuisance!**

~ *Joy in the Journey Sermon Series* ~

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Creation Sings the Father's Song*

Benediction

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Music Ministry Team:

Matt Cox, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The goodness of God is evident in His wondrous gift of creation. At this time of year when the leaves are changing and the air is cooler, we rejoice in our creative God. On this day set aside for corporate worship, let us turn our full attention to Him and give thanks for every gift of His grace.

**PRAYER VIGIL OPENING:** Today at 4:30, we will be gathering in the church parking lot for a brief time of singing, scripture and prayer.

**PRAYER VIGIL EVENT:** This year's prayer event looks different from years past. We are creating A Place of Prayer outside of the church with stations, questions and benches to sit and encounter God. Prayer times are from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in 30-minute segments. The prayer event begins today at 5:00 p.m. and concludes next Sunday morning. You may sign up anytime on the page: <https://placeofprayer.youcanbook.me> or by contacting the church office ([office@hwchurch.org](mailto:office@hwchurch.org) or 567-2264).

**KOINONIA MEETS IN THE SANCTUARY AT 7PM TONIGHT.** Reservations are required; sign up here for 1 or 2 people or here for 3-to-5 people.

**YOUTH GROUP DOES NOT MEET TODAY.**

**STEWARDSHIP:** Budget Needed: \$299,534.62    Budget Received: \$280,234.25

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** meets Thursday evening in the Community Room from 7 to 8 pm for a small group.

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE:** Families, friends, and community members are invited to a Service of Remembrance for the children in our Church family who left us too soon, from the unborn and just born to adult children. Please join us at the church on Thursday, October 22, 6:30 p.m. for a time of song, Scripture, and memorial as we honor our children and their families. All are welcome. This celebration of life and acknowledgment of loss and grief is a part of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Reservations for this event can be made on the church website or by calling the church office.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** comes in several forms this year! Giving by packing a physical box is the first. Pre-printed shoeboxes are now available under the community room foyer overhang. Second, is packing an online box. Last, is giving financial support for shipping or sponsorship of The Greatest Journey discipleship class through our church website link. Go to online giving and choose Operation Christmas Child.

**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 Nosy Sign* and our response, *I Can Handle It!* from John 5. 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, 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.

**MISSION MOMENT** – It's our privilege to regularly support and pray for World Hope International in its diverse efforts to provide opportunity, dignity and hope. In Jahoo, Cambodia a sustainable ecotourism camp supports nature conservation and sustainable community development for the Bunong ethnic minority who are amongst the poorest in Cambodia. ([www.worldhope.org](http://www.worldhope.org))

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Many Christian families have fled the wars of the last decade in the middle east and remain as refugees far from home. The Pandemic profoundly impacts them -- unemployment, inadequate healthcare, and even meager food supplies. Pray for Christian humanitarian groups, governments and others attempting to meet immediate needs as well as seek long term solutions and placements. These too are our neighbors and Jesus' "least of these."

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for the family of Dick Fero (Visitation: Tuesday, 11:00 am, church; Service: Tuesday, 11:30 am, church) and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Violet Bates, Betty Banker (Nancy Cole's mother), Calvin Schierer, 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 and for upcoming election; 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 Houghton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center; for the Sojourners Mennonite Fellowship, Belfast (Pastor Connie Finney).

For more information about church activities, and to read Pastor Wes's weekly letter, visit our website: [www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org).

## Indescribable

### **Verse 1**

From the highest of heights  
to the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing Your majesty  
From the colors of fall  
to the fragrance of spring  
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming

### *Chorus 1*

**Indescribable uncontainable**  
**You placed the stars in the sky**  
**And You know them by name**  
**You are amazing God**  
**All powerful untamable**  
**Awestruck we fall to our knees**  
**As we humbly proclaim**  
**You are amazing God**

### **Verse 2**

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt  
where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun  
and gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night  
None can fathom

### *Chorus*

### *Chorus 2*

**Indescribable uncontainable**  
**You placed the stars in the sky**  
**And You know them by name**  
**You are amazing God**  
**Incomparable unchangeable**  
**You see the depths of my heart**  
**And You love me the same**  
**You are amazing God**

## God Of Wonders

### **Verse 1**

Lord of all creation  
Of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

### *Chorus 1*

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy**  
**You are holy holy**  
**The universe declares Your majesty**  
**You are holy holy**  
**Lord of heaven and earth**  
**Lord of heaven and earth**

### **Verse 2**

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night

### *Chorus 1*

### **Bridge**

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)

### *Chorus 1*

### *Chorus 2*

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy**  
**You are holy holy**  
**Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me**  
**Father hold me hold me**  
**The universe declares Your majesty**  
**You are holy holy holy holy**

## Creation Sings The Father's Song

### **Verse 1**

Creation sings the Father's song  
He calls the sun to wake the dawn  
And run the course of day  
Till evening falls in crimson rays  
His fingerprints in flakes of snow  
His breath upon this spinning globe  
He charts the eagle's flight  
Commands the newborn baby's cry

### *Chorus*

**Hallelujah**  
**Let all creation stand and sing**  
**Hallelujah**  
**Fill the earth with songs of worship**  
**Tell the wonders of creation's King**

### **Verse 2**

Creation gazed upon His face  
The ageless One in time's embrace  
Unveiled the Father's plan  
Of reconciling God and man  
A second Adam walked the earth  
Whose blameless life would break the curse  
Whose death would set us free  
To live with Him eternally

### *Chorus*

### **Verse 3**

Creation longs for His return  
When Christ shall reign upon the earth  
The bitter wars that rage  
Are birth pains of a coming age  
When He renews the land and sky  
All heaven will sing and earth reply  
With one resplendent theme  
The glory of our God and King

### *Chorus*