

Outdoor Worship Service

October 15, 2020 at 11:15am

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration:

Light of the World

Come as You Are

I Will Cast My Cares

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 5:1-14

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

Sermon: **I Can Handle It!**

~ *Joy in the Journey Sermon Series* ~

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Do You Not Know?*

Benediction

Music Ministry Team:

Linette Taylor, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, cajón

The rose near the platform is in honor of the birth of Sylviana Quinley McGraner born on October 12 to Tonya and Ben and big sister, Rose.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. God tells the prophet Jeremiah, “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know” (33:3). We worship today calling out to God, asking for Him to reveal the unsearchable richest of His grace. May God give us ears to hear.

YOUTH GROUP MEETS TODAY: Junior High (3:00-4:30) and Senior High (5:00-6:30).

KOINONIA, Join us this Sunday 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 for [a group of 1 or 2](#) or [a group of 3 to 5](#) ; it is also [streamed from our website](#) and on [Facebook](#).

PRAYER VIGIL EVENT: This year’s prayer event is an outdoor Place of Prayer on the north side lawn. The four stations that are under canopies includes theme, scripture, a few questions to ponder and benches to sit and meditation on God. Because of the inclement weather this week, we are going to extend the Place of Prayer to this coming week as well. You may sign up anytime on the church website or by contacting the church office (office@hwchurch.org or 567-2264).

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS next Sunday morning. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night.

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 *A Sign You Don't Exactly Follow* and our response, *But I'm Right!* from Judges 12. [Reservations are needed](#) for indoor worship (including Community Room 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). We will share Communion next Sunday.

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.

OCC: We are on our way to our goal of blessing 250 children with Operation Christmas Child Shoebox gifts from HWC! Remember to go to online giving if you prefer to pack virtually. ([HERE](#) is the link to build an online shoebox.) Pre-printed cardboard shoe boxes are also available in the bin under the community room overhang. Please remember to donate \$9 per box to assist with the shipping cost. Physical boxes may be turned in to the church office or placed on the table in the foyer. “Getting a gift box showed me that God loved me. It changed my life to know this. Now I am part of bringing that joy to others through Operation Christmas Child.” Collection week ends here on November 20th. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP: Budget Needed: \$ 315,299.60

Budget Received: \$ 294,500.07

MISSION MOMENT – Thank God for the timely and important work of CompassCare of Buffalo and Rochester that we support as a church. The professional, friendly, informative and sensitive services are changing and saving lives with the love of Christ. www.compasscare.info

PERSECUTED CHURCH – In an East Asian province a church-sponsored summer camp was raided, leaders charged with “illegal” activities, property taken, and pastor and wife taken into police custody. Reports reveal that police pay ordinary citizens cash to report and document religious events. We have much to be grateful for and many in our world to pray for.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the Nancy Cole and her family at the death of her mother, for the family and friends of Dick Fuller who died this week (Memorials may be given to RFKC through the church), and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Violet Bates, 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 Bolivar United Methodist Church (Pastor Elva Cornell).

For more information about church activities, visit our website: www.hwchurch.org.

Light of The World

Verse 1

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin
The Light of the world is Jesus
Like sunshine at noonday His glory shone in
The Light of the world is Jesus

Verse 2

No darkness for those who in Jesus abide
The Light of the world is Jesus
We walk in the Light if we follow our Guide
The Light of the world is Jesus

Chorus

Come to the Light

It's shining for thee

Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me

Once I was blind but now I can see

The Light of the world,

the Light of the world is Jesus

Verse 3

You dwellers in darkness with sin-blinded eyes
The Light of the world is Jesus
Come wash in His fountain and light will arise
The Light of the world is Jesus

Chorus

Bridge

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light
On those in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned
As children of our Holy Father,
may we live each day
As children of the Light, children of the day!

Verse 4

No need of the sunlight in heaven, we're told
The Light of the world is Jesus
The Lamb is the light in the city of gold
The Light of the world is Jesus

Chorus

Come As You Are

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame

All who are broken lift up your face

O wanderer come home, you're not too far

So lay down your hurt lay down your heart

Come as you are

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Chorus

Bridge

Come as you are
Fall in His arms
Come as you are

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

I Will Cast My Cares

Verse 1

Jesus I'm frail I'm so very weak
My faithfulness fails my courage will flee
But You are my Rock my Shelter and Shade
When I'm burdened down You'll carry the weight

*So I will cast my cares on You
Yes I will cast my cares on You
I will rest within Your Arms
Knowing I am safe from harm
I will cast my cares on You*

Verse 2

When I'm overwhelmed and I cannot stand
You hear every cry and You lift my head
I'm desperate for grace and mercy anew
I must have Your Strength, Oh I must have You

Chorus

Do You Not Know?

*Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God
The Creator of the ends of the earth
He will not grow tired or weary
And his understanding, no one can fathom
He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak*

Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain,
O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord."
Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain,
O Israel, "My cause is disregarded by my God?"

Chorus

Even youths grow tired and weary
Young men stumble and fall (Repeat)

But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength
They will soar on wings like eagles
They will run and not, not grow weary
They will walk and not be faint

Women: Do you not know?...

Men: But those who hope in the Lord... (repeat)

Women: Do you not know?...

Men: Alleluia, Alleluia!...

All: Alleluia, Alleluia!...