

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 25, 2020
10:00 A.M. SERVICE

Prelude: *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* (Craig Phillips)

Welcome

Call to Worship

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.

"Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father
except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"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 2: ***O Worship the King***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Ann McNeill

Songs of Adoration: ***Light of the World; Come as You Are; I Will Cast My Cares***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: John 5:1-14

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

Hymn of Preparation 281: ***I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say***

Sermon: ***I Can Handle It***

~ Joy in the Journey Sermon Series ~

Pastor Wes Oden

Song of Response: ***Do You Not Know?***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Jess Romance

Music Ministry Team:

Linette Taylor, guitar & vocals; Jeff Babbitt, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;

Bekah Brennan, keyboard & vocals; Alison Young Reusser, cajón

*The rose on the pulpit 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 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 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).

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