

Outdoor Worship Service

November 1, 2020 at 11:15am

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration:

Oh How Good it Is

Build My Life

Kyrie Eleison

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Judges 12:1-7

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

Sermon: **But We're Right!**

~ *Joy in the Journey Sermon Series* ~

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Let us Consider*

Benediction

Music Ministry Team:

Bella Goss, vocals; Amanda Cox, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist calls us to praise God with all our might and with every instrument available to us. We worship today to offer the praise of our voices, hands, eyes, and ears and to surrender all that we are the Almighty God who creates us and loves us.

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

KOINONIA, will be streamed from the church website from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. tonight.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we invite you to join us for streaming worship at 10:00 and outdoor worship at 11:15. Due to the current pause in indoor gatherings, the 10:00 service is streaming only but the 11:15 service is open to all. Pastor Wes will preach about *A Sign that Depends* and our response, *But I Know What I'm Doing* from Ecclesiastes 3.

THURSDAY AT 6:30PM: We are streaming an organ program by Judy Congdon.

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. 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: \$331,064.58 / **Budget Received:** \$306,345.12

MISSION MOMENT – Breanna Smithley ministers to at-risk youth in Bolton, England with a group, Transforming Lives for Good. <https://www.tlg.uk>. Meeting at a local church, teens from a dozen area schools are coached, tutored, helped with meals, similar to the Fillmore Power House. HWC is glad to help with Breanna’s living costs and especially pray for her health, safety, and witness.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – We lift up Christians in Nigeria to courageously represent Christ in the midst of the political and social unrest in that country. Christ has placed Believers to live out the gospel as salt and light in the midst of the disruption and chaos around us. May God raise up truly godly leadership for the needs all across that vast land.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: 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; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our government and for our elections this week; 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 Allentown United Methodist Church (Pastor Elva Cornell).

For more information about church activities, and to read Pastor Wes’s weekly letter and video, visit our website: www.hwchurch.org.

Oh How Good It Is

Verse 1

Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit in faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us

Chorus

**So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people**

Verse 2

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging

Chorus

Verse 3

Oh how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives
When we live as one, we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit

Chorus

Build My Life

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, We live for You

Chorus

**Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me**

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Chorus

Kyrie Eleison

Verse 1

For the things we've done and left undone
For the ways we've wandered from Your heart
Forgive us we pray, Forgive us we pray

For the idols we put on Your throne
For the loves we choose above Your own
Forgive us we pray, Forgive us we pray

Chorus

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us, on us
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us, on us

Verse 2

For the lies that we clutch to our chests
For the fear that wants to steal our breath
Forgive us we pray, and give us Your grace

Chorus

Bridge

Forgiving God,
Forgiving us (Sing 4x); **Chorus**

Let Us Consider

Verse 1

Nothing in all creation can every separate us
From the love of our infinite God
And it's not that we first loved Him,
but that He first chose to love us
Even as in sin and darkness we trod
What shall we say in response to this?
If God is for us, who can be against us?
And He who has lavished His love upon us
Has called us to love like He does

Chorus

**So let us consider how we love one another
How we encourage each other
toward love and good deeds
For He who has promised,
our Father is faithful
By this all men will know we love our Savior,
if we love each other too**

Verse 2

So shout to the highest heavens,
and sing with all the angels
in thanks and praise for all He has done
As our Father's chosen people, may we live
within the promise that through His holy
presence we're one
Serving each other in word and in deed,
we know we shall find that fellowship sweet
When we open our hearts outside of ourselves
to do what He called us to do

Chorus

Bridge

Jesus has called us to love like He does
To take up our cross, to carry the lost
No greater love can ever be found
Than that we should lay down our lives
That we could lay down our lives
That we would lay down our lives

Chorus