

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 4, 2020
10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Partita on "There in God's Garden"* (Michael Burkhardt)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 5: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Joanna Bates

Songs of Adoration: *Remember; No Longer Slaves; Who am I?*

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not always bowed before him or always acknowledged his rule in our lives.
Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. In his name we pray, Amen.**

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 23

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

Hymn of Preparation 33: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Sermon: **I Never Paid Attention that That Before**
~ Joy in the Journey Sermon Series ~
Pastor Wes Oden

Communion: *Who You Say I Am*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Robin Pawling

Music Ministry Team:

Andrew Silbert, guitar & vocals; Grace Deitrick, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;
Jan Schilke, keyboard; Gabriel Negus, cajón

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Selah Joy Fink on March 2 to Melissa, Jesse, Evelyn, and Levi.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The apostle Paul writes, "So now there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). As we gather here or wherever we are, may we embrace the freedom that God has bestowed on us. Let us unite ourselves as one body, that we may exercise this freedom and use it to cultivate a community of faith. May our worship today leave us renewed by His power and convinced of His love.

YOUTH GROUP: Jr. High 3 to 4:30pm and Sr. High 5 to 6:30pm outside. Weather backup is the Community Room.

KOINONIA: Join us tonight 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 at our website, hwchurch.org! [sign up here for 1 or 2 people](#) or [here for 3-to-5 people](#).

NO WORSHIP EVENT THIS THURSDAY EVENING.

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 of Care* and our response, *Are They that Important?* from Mark 10:13-16. 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).

OUTDOOR PRAYER GARDEN OCTOBER 18—OCTOBER 25: This year's prayer event will be an outdoor Prayer Garden with four places for meditation and prayer. Since it is outdoors, we are setting up prayer times for 30 minutes. The Prayer times are available [HERE](#) for you to begin making reservations.

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, potato chips, and gummy fruit snacks are greatly 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 may bring them on Sunday mornings.

STEWARDSHIP: Budget Need: \$268,004.66 Budget Received: \$246,538.74

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: 5 weeks to go and we are 197 Operation Christmas Child boxes away from our church goal of 200 online gifts. So far we have 0/50 boxes taken for home packing for a total of 2/250 completed. Your loving contribution really matters! Says a girl from Buffalo who grew up in a refugee camp, "We always looked forward to those shoeboxes 'cause that was the only present we would receive for Christmas because our families couldn't afford one." Start blessing lives now by going [HERE](#). Using this link will help our church reach the 200 box goal.

MISSION MOMENT – John and Sylvia Christensen, Wycliffe Bible Translators who work from Houghton, stay connected and even travel to Indonesia in ongoing translation projects... Sylvia on OT translation with Ezra and Nehemiah done and new books in the wings, John on the language dictionary project. They praise God for safe delivery of grandchild in August, Kyla Rae, to Paul and Jennie in Indonesia.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7 TO 8 PM: Celebrate Recovery meets in the Community Room for Small Groups.

PERSECUTED CHURCH –The government Eritrea has released on bail more than 20 Pentecostals/ evangelicals who had been imprisoned without charges for up to 16 years because of their faith. That's good news but 100s remain in jail in one of the world's most repressive countries. A half million refugees have fled Eritrea in the last year. Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in that 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, 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 Rawson Baptist Church, Cuba (Pastor Nelson McCall).

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