

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 1, 2020
10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: Voluntary on *Rosedale* (Robert Lind)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 462: *For All the Saints*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Emily Spateholts

Songs of Adoration: *Oh How Good it Is; Build My Life; Kyrie Eleison*

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious Lord, far too often we are more interested in conflict than in peace.
We fight to get our own way. We wrestle for recognition. We argue in order to prove that we are right.
We are often more concerned with winning than with loving.
Our attitude creates conflict, tension and much pain.
Heavenly Father, forgive us. Give us a new vision of Jesus who comes full of grace and truth.
Open our hearts to the Holy Spirit that we might be image bearers of Jesus.
We ask this in confidence, knowing that You hear us and that You forgive us
through the mercy of Christ. Amen.**

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Judges 12:1-7

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

Hymn of Preparation 472: *Christ from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Sermon: **But We're Right!**
~ *Joy in the Journey Sermon Series* ~
Pastor Wes Oden

Communion: *Let us Consider*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Paul Young

Music Ministry Team:

Bella Goss & Mike Cox, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;
Jan Schilke, 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.