

# **Outdoor Worship Service**

**November 8, 2020**

**11:15 a.m.**

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration:

***Love Come Down***

***Take Courage***

***I Will Wait for You***

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-14

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

Sermon: **I've Got It Under Control**

**~ Joy in the Journey Sermon Series ~**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***You are God Alone***

Benediction

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Music Ministry Team:

Andrew Silbert, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** As we worship today, we praise God for who he is and we give thanks to God for all that he has done for us and for this world. May our worship enable us to open our hearts and lives to all that he desires to say to us and do in us.

**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 of Who Knows Best* and our response, *Why Should I?* from John 9.

**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.

**OCC:** Only 12 more days left in our Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift effort. Gifts can be tracked, so your family can know the destination country of your presents. A \$9 shipping gift is much appreciated by Samaritan's Purse. Check out the videos on their website to see how kids and their families are impacted through this ministry. November 20th is our collection date. Here's the [online link for virtual packing](#). Thank you!!

**MISSIONS MOMENT** - We thank God for providing our worker, Stacia, with new avenues to connect with neighbors and friends in order to share Christ's love. This week we pray for safety and health as she returns to the States from eastern Europe for four months of Partnership Development.

**STEWARDSHIP: Budget Needed:** \$346,829.56 / **Budget Received:** \$315,138.07

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – November is a month of special international focus on persecuted Christians. Tens of thousands of internally displaced Christians exist in Central African Republic -- as many as 30,000 in the largest IDP camp. Attacks by jihadist and criminal groups have driven Christians from homes and villages over the last six years and intensified recently. We pray for the government to reestablish stability and for peace for these our brothers and sisters in the faith.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for family and friends of Martha Whiting and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Calvin Schierer, Sarah Gurley, Grace Taylor, Wendy Ott, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore’s father), Karen Szymanski, Cindy Lastoria, Leonard Watson, Mark Mayhle (Doug’s brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor’s cousin), 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 response to the 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 Scio United Methodist Church (Pastor Stephen Crowell, Sr.).

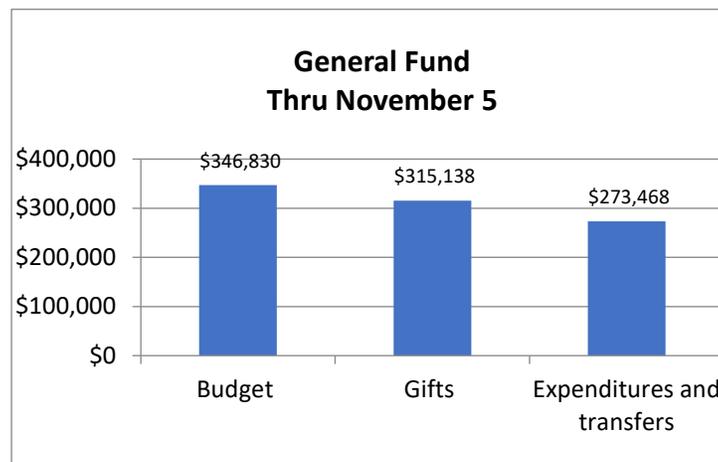
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## **STEWARDSHIP—A Life of Generosity**

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on God’s grace to us as a body and as individuals. We have much to be thankful for. Everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We feel free to give because our Heavenly Father freely gives. One-way God uses us to bless others is through our giving to the church.

Among many other things, our giving to Houghton Wesleyan Church helps young people know about God’s love and promises through the children and youth ministries; the Food Pantry provides nourishing food for families in need; the music ministry team helps us worship with relevant songs and beautiful music; the missions ministry provides ongoing support and encouragement for missionaries; and the technology crew keeps Sunday services, organ concerts and hymn sings available through streaming for our church community and beyond.

Thank you for enabling all these things through your faithful support.



Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.” Psalm 107: 8-9 (NIV).

## Love Come Down

### *Chorus*

**I will sing forever  
of Your love come down  
With my hands to heaven  
shout Your praises loud  
I was lost in darkness  
when You pulled me out  
I will sing forever  
of Your love come down**

### **Verse 1**

I once was blind I could not see  
Chains of sin had shackled me  
But God in heaven heard my plea  
Jesus, Jesus rescued me  
Jesus, Jesus rescued me

### *Chorus*

### **Verse 2**

Now grace so sweet  
it floods my soul  
And hope eternal won't let go  
My debt erased at Calvary  
Jesus, Jesus rescued me  
Jesus, Jesus rescued me

### *Chorus*

### **Verse 3**

Well there's a home beyond the sky  
A song we'll sing for all of time  
The grave is empty I am free  
Jesus, Jesus rescued me  
Jesus, Jesus rescued me

### *Chorus*

## Take Courage

### **Verse 1**

Slow down take time,  
breathe in He said  
He'd reveal what's to come  
The thoughts in His mind  
Always higher than mine  
And He'll reveal all to come

### *Chorus*

**Take courage my heart  
stay steadfast my soul  
He's in the waiting  
He's in the waiting  
Hold onto your hope  
as your triumph unfolds  
He's never failing  
He's never failing**

### **Verse 2**

Sing praise my soul  
Find strength in joy  
Let His words lead you on  
Do not forget  
His great faithfulness  
He'll finish all He's begun

### *Chorus*

### **Bridge**

You who hold the stars  
Who call them each by name  
Will surely keep  
Your promise to me  
That I will rise in Your victory

### *Chorus*

## **I Will Wait For You**

### **Verse 1**

Out of the depths I cry to You  
In darkest places I will call  
Incline Your ear to me anew  
And hear my cry for mercy Lord

### **Verse 2**

Were You to count my sinful ways  
How could I come before Your throne  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze  
I stand redeemed by grace alone

### ***Chorus 1***

**I will wait for You I will wait for You  
On Your word I will rely  
I will wait for You surely wait for You  
Till my soul is satisfied**

### **Verse 3**

So put Your hope in God alone  
Take courage in His power to save  
Completely and forever won  
By Christ emerging from the grave

### **Verse 4**

His steadfast love has made a way  
And God Himself has paid the price  
That all who trust in Him today  
Find healing in His sacrifice

### ***Chorus 2***

**I will wait for You  
I will wait for You  
Through the storm  
and through the night  
I will wait for You surely wait for You  
For Your love is my delight**

## **You Are God Alone**

### **Verse 1**

You are not a god created  
By human hands  
You are not a god dependent  
On any mortal man  
You are not a god in need of  
Anything we can give  
By Your plan  
That's just the way it is

### **Chorus**

You are God alone  
from before time began  
You were on Your throne  
You are God alone  
And right now  
in the good times and bad  
You are on Your throne  
You are God alone

### **Verse 2**

You're the only God whose power  
none can contend  
You're the only God whose name  
and praise will never end  
You're the only God  
who's worthy of ev'rything we can give  
You are God  
That's just the way it is

### **Bridge**

You're unchangeable  
You're unshakable  
You're unstoppable  
that's what You are (Sing 4x)

### ***Chorus***