

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 8, 2020
10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *God of Grace* arr. Paul Manz

Welcome

Call to Worship (from Psalm 31)

In you, Lord, we have taken refuge; let us never be put to shame; deliver us in your righteousness.

***Turn your ear to us, come quickly to our rescue; be our rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save us.***

Since you are our rock and our fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide us.

Love the Lord, all his faithful people!

The Lord preserves those who are true to him, but the proud he pays back in full.

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 393: ***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*** (tune of Solid Rock)

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: The Knapp Family

Songs of Adoration: ***Love Come Down; Take Courage; I Will Wait for You***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-14

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

Hymn of Preparation 390: ***Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us***

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

~ Joy in the Journey Sermon Series ~

Pastor Wes Oden

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

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Pastor Cindy Oden

Music Ministry Team:

Levi Webb, vocals; Andrew Silbert, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;
Samuel Jenkins, keyboard & 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.).

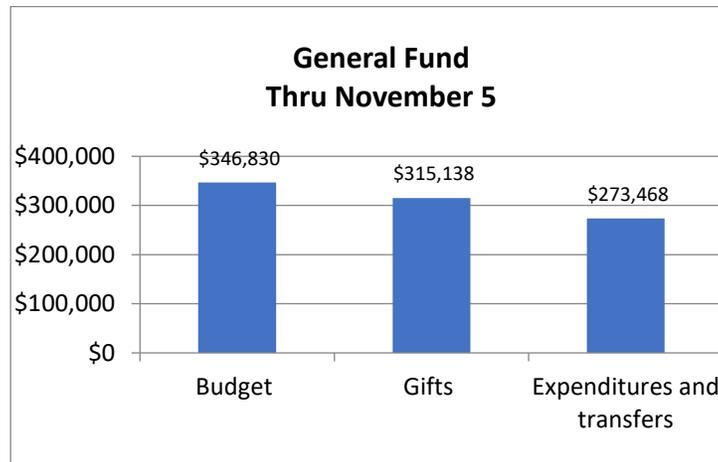
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STEWARDSHIP—A Life of Generosity

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).