

Outdoor Worship Service

November 15, 2020 at 11:15am

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration:

Thrive

Amen (Because He Lives)

Speak, O Lord

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 9 (selected verses)

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

Sermon: **Why Should I Pay Attention?**

~ *Joy in the Journey Sermon Series* ~

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Behold Our God*

Benediction

Music Ministry Team:

Matt Cox, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, vocals; Gabriel Negus, cajón

The rose near the platform is in honor of the birth of Emilie Joy Hager on October 28 to Sarah and Patrick and big brother, Miles.

Welcome to the Houghton Wesleyan Church. Our nation and world are dealing with difficult times. We engage in worship to remember that God is present in the struggles and that God is greater than the struggles. During our time of worship today, may God give us grace to feel him near, grace to hear him speak and grace to see him at work.

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 of Grace and our response, But, I Don't Want to from 2 Timothy 4.

OCC: So many lives have been changed through the love contained in Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts - both those of needy children and their extended families. Please join us in our final push to pack boxes online [HERE](#) and in person. Our numbers are down this year, so we encourage you to pray about giving through this vital ministry. Our deadline is November 20th. Contact annmceill@hwchurch.org with questions. Thank you!!

Stewardship: Budget Needed: \$362,594.54 / **Budget Received:** \$334,767.70

Mission Moment – Have you heard of Ambassadors Football International? Since 1990 with local programs in five regions, 25 nations, over 888 workers and 2,345 associates the goal is “Showing people the way to Jesus through football.” We support and pray for Jon Ortlip, Director, and this ministry developing culturally relevant and locally led camps, sports clubs, training, and connection to local churches.

Persecuted Church – Pray for Armenian and Azerbaijani believers in the wake of war and the recent tenuous peace agreement. The hurt and devastation of prolonged conflict in this region leaves Christians wondering how to bring the genuine peace of Christ ...even between themselves. Ethnic and political division and brutal history makes us realize how much we too must work for healing amongst believers in a divided America.

Prayer Concerns: for family and friends of Samuel Hugh Paine, Jr. who died this week 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 Rehabilitation and Nursing Center; for the First Baptist Church, Cuba (Pastor Lynn Sullivan).

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

Thrive

Verse 1

Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water
We never will run dry
So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire

Chorus

**Just to know You and to make You known
We lift Your name on high
Shine like the sun make darkness run and hide
We know we were made for so much more
Than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive**

Verse 2

Into Your Word we're digging deep
To know our Father's heart
Into the world we're reaching out
To show them who You are
So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire

Chorus

Bridge (sing 4x)

Joy unspeakable, Faith unsinkable
Love unstoppable, Anything is possible

Chorus

Because He Lives (Amen)

Verse 1

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
by the power of His blood

Chorus

Amen amen

I'm alive I'm alive because He lives

Amen amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives

Verse 2

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Chorus

Bridge

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life, my future in His hand

Chorus

Speak O Lord

Verse 1

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Verse 2

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise; Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Verse 3

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Behold Our God

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

**Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him**

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Chorus

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Chorus

Bridge

Men: You will reign forever
Women: Let Your glory fill the earth
(Sing 6x)

Chorus