

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 13, 2021

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**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Worship is a privilege that allows us to acknowledge the glory of God, to hear God speak into our community, to commit ourselves to one another in love, and to affirm that God is our loving, merciful heavenly Father. In our worship today, may God help us turn our attention to Him with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength.

**THIS MORNING WE WELCOME THE REV. DR. KEN SCHENCK TO OUR PULPIT.** Ken is Vice President for Planning and Innovation at Houghton College.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Pastor Cindy Oden will be preaching. We gather for worship online and indoors at 10:00 a.m. and outdoors at 11:15 a.m.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH THIS WEEK!** Children can join us in the Community Room during the sermon.

**STAYING CONNECTED:** During this unusual time, we want to stay as connected to you as possible. Pastor Wes is sending out a weekly letter on Tuesdays and video on Thursdays. Both are distributed through email and text and may be accessed on the church website ([hwchurch.org](http://hwchurch.org)) and Facebook pages. If you are not receiving these communications and would like to do so, please send your contact information to [office@hwchurch.org](mailto:office@hwchurch.org).

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** meets Thursday Evenings at 7 PM in the Primary Assembly Room.

HWC Children's Ministries is excited to team with Fillmore Wesleyan Church as they host **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 28 - July 1**. To sign your children up or volunteer, Email [emilyspateholts@hwchurch.org](mailto:emilyspateholts@hwchurch.org) or [annmneill@hwchurch.org](mailto:annmneill@hwchurch.org) to sign your children up and/or to volunteer to help. We need group leaders to assist small groups of children as they participate in the Bible story, science, and crafts stations, and possibly a Games Leader. The evenings run from 6:00-8:30.

**STEWARDSHIP** BUDGET NEEDED: \$16,121.65 / BUDGET RECEIVED: \$10,835.40

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Midweek check in - Wed at 1:15pm

Final Youth ZOOM Sunday School is at 9 am next week: James

**ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP:** We are thrilled to report that this year's RFKC at Camp Asbury is a "go"! It's scheduled for July 11-16. The mission of Royal Family Kids is to create "positive, life-changing moments for innocent children who have been victims of neglect, abuse, and abandonment." Since 1995, the local Houghton RFKC has served over 400 campers, with each of these campers returning for an average of 4 summers. Anyone interested in being a prayer partner should contact Laurie Dashnau by email at [Laurie.Dashnau@houghton.edu](mailto:Laurie.Dashnau@houghton.edu). The responsibilities of a prayer partner include praying for one specific camper, counselor, or staff members along with writing a short note to that person (the note being provided) which will be passed along to him or her at the start of camp.

**MISSION MOMENT -** We are touring and praying for Wesleyan Churches worldwide – today's focus: The Ibero-America Regional Conference of 500 churches and preaching points, over 30,000 members, and 17 Bible schools in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain and Venezuela. Praise God for their energetic proclamation for the Good News locally and cross culturally to Africa and Europe in spite of many challenges.

**THE GLOBAL CHURCH -** Christians and others are facing growing terror from jihadis roaming the Sahel regions of Africa. Last weekend Burkina Faso suffered the country's worst attack in years when armed men killed 160 Solhan villagers and burned property. We pray for world leaders to take action against these attacks and for Christians to remain strong in their faith.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: Willis Beardsley, Denise Zambrano, Carlos Gildemeister, Peter Luckey, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Karen Gaerte, Lenore Paige, Gary Heil (Janet Stegen's brother), Amy Ortiz (Luke Ogden's sister), Sarah Gurley, Grace Taylor, Wendy Ott, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Cindy Lastoria, Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Elijah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Eila Shea, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter; for all affected 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 First Wesleyan Church, Bradford, PA (Pastor Terri Niver).

# **Outdoor Worship Service**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 13, 2021 at 11:15am**

Welcome & Opening Prayer

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

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Genesis 33:1-11

Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants. He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear. He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother. But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept. Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. "Who are these with you?" he asked.

Jacob answered, "They are the children God has graciously given your servant." Then the female servants and their children approached and bowed down. Next, Leah and her children came and bowed down. Last of all came Joseph and Rachel, and they too bowed down.

Esau asked, "What's the meaning of all these flocks and herds I met?"

"To find favor in your eyes, my lord," he said.

But Esau said, "I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what you have for yourself."

"No, please!" said Jacob. "If I have found favor in your eyes, accept this gift from me. For to see your face is like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me favorably. Please accept the present that was brought to you, for God has been gracious to me and I have all I need." And because Jacob insisted, Esau accepted it.

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

Sermon: **Forgetting the Hatchet**

Dr. Ken Schenck

Song: *Let Us Consider*

Benediction

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Scripture Reader: Amanda Cox

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox & Mila Lima, vocals; Pablo Lima, guitar

*The rose in front of the podium is in honor of the birth of Gideon Laurence Roorbach, born on April 14, 2021, to Susie and Andrew and older brothers Christian and Matthias.*

## Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is  
when the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit  
in faith and unity  
Where the bonds of peace,  
of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence  
here among us

**So with one voice  
we'll sing to the Lord  
And with one heart  
we'll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees  
the Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence  
of His people**

Oh how good it is  
on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy  
And weep with those who mourn  
For the weak find strength,  
the afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing  
of belonging

### *Chorus*

Oh how good it is  
to embrace His command  
To prefer one another,  
forgive as He forgives  
When we live as one,  
we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father  
and the Spirit

### *Chorus*

## Kyrie Eleison

### **Verse 1**

For the things we've done  
and left undone  
For the ways we've wandered  
from Your heart  
Forgive us we pray,  
Forgive us we pray

For the idols we put  
on Your throne  
For the loves we choose  
above Your own  
Forgive us we pray,  
Forgive us we pray

### *Chorus*

Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us, on us  
Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us, on us

### **Verse 2**

For the lies that we  
clutch to our chests  
For the fear that  
wants to steal our breath  
Forgive us we pray,  
and give us Your grace

### *Chorus*

### **Bridge**

Forgiving God,  
Forgiving us (Sing 4x); *Chorus*

## Let Us Consider

### **Verse 1**

Nothing in all creation  
can ever separate us  
From the love of our infinite God  
And it's not that  
we first loved Him,  
but that He first chose to love us  
Even as in sin  
and darkness we trod  
What shall we say  
in response to this?  
If God is for us,  
who can be against us?  
And He who has  
lavished His love upon us  
Has called us to love like He does

### *Chorus*

So let us consider  
how we love one another  
How we encourage each other  
toward love and good deeds  
**For He who has promised,  
our Father is faithful  
By this all men will know  
we love our Savior,  
if we love each other too**

### **Verse 2**

So shout to the highest heavens,  
and sing with all the angels  
in thanks and praise  
for all He has done  
As our Father's chosen people,  
may we live within the promise  
that through His holy  
presence we're one  
Serving each other  
in word and in deed,  
we know we shall find  
that fellowship sweet  
When we open our hearts  
outside of ourselves  
to do what He called us to do

### *Chorus*

### **Bridge**

Jesus has called us  
to love like He does  
To take up our cross,  
to carry the lost  
No greater love can ever be found  
Than that we should  
lay down our lives  
That we could lay down our lives  
That we would lay down our lives

### *Chorus*

**STEWARDSHIP- A Life of Generosity** *“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand,”* 1 Chronicles 29:14.

Everything we have belongs to God. We are only stewards. It's important to recognize this truth in every area of our lives. Take a moment right now and thank the Lord for the many blessings He has provided.

No matter how young or old we are, our lives belong to the Lord and everything we own, love and cherish are His. The apostle Paul urged the church in Rome to view their bodies as living sacrifices and present them to God. “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God- this is your true and proper worship,” Romans 12:1.

Where are you currently serving or sacrificing? Are you stepping out in faith and obedience to where He calls you to serve? We can't forget that our time and our efforts belong to the Lord. Where are you investing your time right now? As you think of where the Lord may use you, consider some of areas of ministry open now and in the future at HWC.

**Current Needs**

Volunteers for the Tech Team (specifically at the 10am service)

Children's Church helpers

**Future Needs**

Sunday School Teachers (various ages)

Sunday School Teacher Assistants (various ages)

Greeters

Ushers

Lay Shepherds

Service Projects

Feel free to contact the church office if you are interested in serving HWC in this way!

Even before our finances or our service, our Father desires our unreserved devotion to Him. This is the most important thing. Consecrated hearts and lives are the starting place. It is amazing to see the Lord work in the lives of his followers when we embrace this core value and are on fire for the Lord willing to do any and all He asks of us. We need to live as laying everything at the altar for Christ. After all, everything we have belongs to Him.