

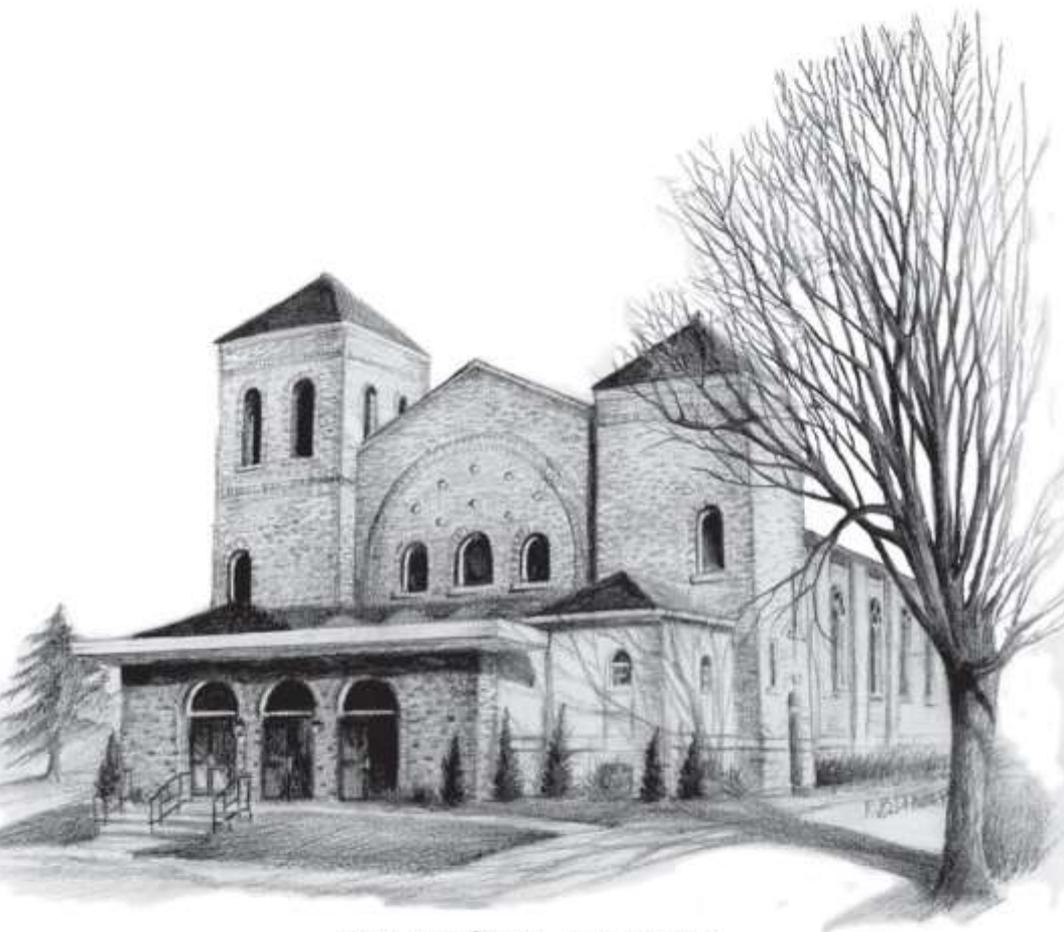


# Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 27, 2021

10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

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Prelude: *Aria* (Flor Peeters)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

***Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.***

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

***And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts  
and your minds in Christ Jesus.***

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right,  
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent  
or praiseworthy—think about such things.

***Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me  
—put it into practice.***

***And the God of peace will be with you.***

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 18: ***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Emily Spateholts

Songs of Adoration: ***Living Hope; Christ is Risen***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37

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

Hymn 423: ***May the Mind of Christ my Savior***

Sermon: **No Wiggle Room**

Rev. Dr. Jon Case

Song: ***By Our Love***

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Margarita Cooley

Music Ministry Team:

Kristen Sanasith, vocals; Dan Zambrano, piano & vocals; Caleb Hilsher, guitar;

Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Each day we face the struggles of living in a fallen world and are acutely aware of the need for God's presence and help. God promises His presence in each of our lives. We gather today to remember all that God has done and all that He has promised to do and to worship Him for who He is.

**GUEST PREACHER:** Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Jon Case as our guest preacher. Dr. Case is Professor of Theology at Houghton College.

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

**THE FAMILY ROOM IS OPEN FOR USE!** Your children are ALWAYS welcome in the sanctuary but this cozy space across from the prayer room is available for parents or guardians to take a child who needs food, a clean diaper, or space to wiggle and play. A TV for streaming the service is also available.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** the Rev. David Huizenga will preach.

**STAFF VACATIONS:** Pastors Wes and Cindy are on vacation today and this coming week; Amanda Cox on also on vacation today. We appreciate all who are leading while they are away.

**HYMNSING THIS THURSDAY, 6:30 P.M.** American poet Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) is perhaps the most prolific writer of gospel hymns in all of Christian history with some 8000 hymn texts to her credit, and her hymns some of the most beloved and timeless. The next "organ meditation," led by organist Judy Congdon this Thursday at 6:30 p.m., will provide an opportunity to hear a bit about Crosby's life and (especially) to sing many of her hymns together. This event will be available on livestream, but will also be open for in-person participation.

**BAPTISM AND DEDICATIONS:** In light of the vaccination progress and the low positivity rate, we are ready to resume baptisms and dedications. If you or someone in your family is interested in being baptized or in having your children dedicated, please let me know.

**VALLEY PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS** are available at the VPS Bulletin Board, in the church office, and online at <https://hwchurch.org/2021-22-vps-application-fillable/>

**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** will not be meeting for the next five weeks. Hope to see both new and old faces again in August!

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Budget Needed:** \$48,364.95 / **Budget Received:** \$44,091.96

**MISSION MOMENT** - Rod Casali and the staff at Canada Institute of Linguistics welcome 90 students to their on-line summer program this month, 50 of whom are newcomers. We pray for God to equip and lead many to bring His Word to many unreached language groups.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** - A recent first-hand report from Libya shares the news of many seekers and new believers eagerly looking to Jesus in small group study of Scripture. We pray for the Spirit to reward their desire to know God and guide workers sharing the Good News in a difficult environment.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: 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 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 Grace Community Church, Buffalo (Pastor Barb Farrow).