

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 4, 2021

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**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** We worship today as a means of acknowledging God's greatness and to ask for His grace to be at work in our lives. As we worship, may the assurance of God's presence fill your heart and soul.

**GUEST PREACHER:** Today we welcome the Rev. David Huizenga as our guest preacher. David teaches Christian Studies and is Discipleship Coordinator at Houghton Academy.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Pastor Wes will preach from Esther 2:21-3:11, asking Where Is God When We Are Overwhelmed?

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH THIS WEEK!** Children can join us in the Community Room during the sermon. Children in grades PreK-3rd must have a parent sign them in and pick them up. Children in 4th-6th may sign themselves in and self-release as long as a parent approves.

**MONDAY CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY.**

**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/>

**ROYAL FAMILY KIDS' CAMP (RFKC)—PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED** 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. We are thrilled to report that this year's RFKC at Camp Asbury is a "go"! It is scheduled for July 11-16. We still need prayer partners. Anyone interested in being a prayer partner should contact Larie.Dashnau@houghton.edu. The responsibilities of a prayer partner include praying for one specific camper, counselor, or staff member along with writing a short note to that person (the note being provided); please return the note by July 5. The note will be passed along to him or her at the start of camp. Thank you in advance for considering serving in this capacity.

**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 four weeks. Hope to see both new and old faces again in August!

**STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed:** \$64,486.60/ **Budget Received:** \$57,801.60

**MISSION OPPORTUNITY** – Anyone interested in serving on the Global Missions Committee of HWC with exciting opportunities to focus plans and channel generous giving on behalf of this congregation, please contact Pastor Paul or other GMC members.

**MISSION MOMENT** - How important are our eyes?! Two of our global workers – Chris George in far-away Perth Australia, and John Christensen, Wycliffe member here in Houghton – have undergone critical and delicate eye procedures in recent days. Let's pray for good recoveries for these two representing us in reaching out with the Good News on the other side of the globe.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** - Two churches were bombed just prior to opening last Sunday, June 27, in Beni, Democratic Republic of Congo. The Islamic rebel group, ADF is believed behind the attack. Pray for courage for believers in this troubled region.

**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 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 East Leon Wesleyan Church (Pastor Karen Cleveland).

# Outdoor Worship Service

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021 at 11:15am

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Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration: *Light of the World, Champion*

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-13

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death- even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed-not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence-continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

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

Sermon: **The Freedom of Loss**

Rev. David Huizenga

Song: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Benediction

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Scripture Reader: Gabe Huizenga

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox & Joanna Bates, vocals;

Caleb Hilsher, guitar; Dan Zambrano, cajón

## Light of The World

### **Verse 1**

The whole world was lost  
in the darkness of sin  
The Light of the world is Jesus  
Like sunshine at noonday  
His glory shone in  
The Light of the world is Jesus

### **Verse 2**

No darkness for those  
who in Jesus abide  
The Light of the world is Jesus  
We walk in the Light  
if we follow our Guide  
The Light of the world is Jesus

### **Chorus**

**Come to the Light  
It's shining for thee  
Sweetly the Light  
has dawned upon me  
Once I was blind  
but now I can see  
The Light of the world,  
the Light of the world is Jesus**

### **Verse 3**

You dwellers in darkness  
with sin-blinded eyes  
The Light of the world is Jesus  
Come wash in His fountain  
and light will arise  
The Light of the world is Jesus

### **Chorus**

### **Bridge**

The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light  
On those in the land  
of deep darkness  
a light has dawned  
As children of our Holy Father,  
may we live each day  
As children of the Light,  
children of the day!

No need of the sunlight  
in heaven, we're told  
The Light of the world is Jesus  
The Lamb is the light  
in the city of gold  
The Light of the world is Jesus

### **Chorus**

## Champion

### **Verse 1**

O Victory You have won  
Victorious You have come  
What was stolen  
You brought back to us  
(Repeat)

### **Chorus**

**Our Champion  
You fight for us  
You made a way  
where there was none  
Our Champion  
You're strong in us  
The debt we owed  
You paid in blood**

### **Verse 2**

The One in whom we belong  
We'll lift our voice join Your song  
We were orphaned,  
now forever Yours

### **Chorus**

### **Bridge**

We will shout it out  
from the mountaintops  
That our God is good  
He has overcome  
Let all the earth  
ev'ry tribe and tongue  
We will sing it out  
He has overcome  
(Repeat)

### **Chorus**

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

### **Verse 1**

When I survey  
the wondrous cross  
on which the  
Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt  
on all my pride.

### **Verse 2**

Forbid it, Lord,  
that I should boast  
save in the death of  
Christ, my God!  
All the vain things  
that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them  
through his blood.

### **Verse 3**

See, from his head,  
his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love  
flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love  
and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose  
so rich a crown?

### **Verse 4**

Were the whole realm  
of nature mine,  
that were an offering  
far too small.  
Love so amazing,  
so divine,  
demands my soul,  
my life, my all.