

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 11, 2021

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WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Though we come to this time of worship from a variety of circumstances and situations, we come together on this summer Sunday morning for the purpose of giving thanks to God through our Lord Jesus Christ and to receive his word to us. During this hour may you sense God's grace, mercy and word upon your life.

In Recognition of our Youth:

HA Grads 2021
Dikko Dikko
Hoang (Reggie) Tran
Loik Makuzza
Long Hei (Ronnie) Kuan
QuanYu (Bella) Wang
Jarad Winkens
James Jun
Maya Cooley
Zach Tucker
Simon Sardina
Jingyi (Jinne) Ren
Shanghua (Shawn) Li
Yuewen (Olivia) Yin
HWC Fillmore Grads 2021
Lydia Schilke
Mason Cool

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for online and in-person worship at 10:00 and for outdoor worship at 11:15. The Rev. Dr. Joey Jennings will be preaching.

ODENS ON VACATION: Pastors Wes and Cindy will be on vacation this coming week. While they are gone, we will publish a weekly letter, but Pastor Wes will not be sending out a weekly video.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children ages PreK-6th grade can join us in the Community Room during the sermon for a time of learning and fun.

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/>

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

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$80,608.25 / Budget Received: \$71,693.09

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 - We pray for calm in Haiti and for our many Christian brothers and sisters in that troubled land. The LaGonave Wesleyan Hospital, the Canaan school project near the capital, Port Au Prince, as well as the Thedes near the north, have all been connected to our church in recent years. Dozens of Wesleyan churches will worship there today amidst deep concern and unrest. We pray.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - More than 100 school children at a Baptist boarding school in northern Nigeria were kidnapped last Monday in the largest and fourth mass school kidnapping in Kaduna state since December. According to leaders, the “church is in serious pain,” even as Christians are trusting God to intervene. We hurt and pray with them.

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 Eliyah 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 Wesleyan Indian Chapel (Pastors. Kevin and Elaine Brooks).

Outdoor Worship Service
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 11, 2021 at 11:15am

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration:
Do it Again; Goodness of God; Great is Thy Faithfulness

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Esther 3 (selected verses)

Some time later King Xerxes promoted Haman the Agagite over all the other nobles, making him the most powerful official in the empire. All the king's officials would bow down before Haman to show him respect whenever he passed by, for so the king had commanded. But Mordecai refused to bow down or show him respect.

Then the palace officials at the king's gate asked Mordecai, "Why are you disobeying the king's command?" They spoke to him day after day, but still he refused to comply with the order. So they spoke to Haman about this to see if he would tolerate Mordecai's conduct, since Mordecai had told them he was a Jew.

Haman was filled with rage at Mordecai. Learning of Mordecai's nationality, Haman decided it was not enough to lay hands on Mordecai alone but looked for a way to destroy all the Jews throughout the entire empire.

So in the month of April lots were cast in Haman's presence (the lots were called *purim*) to determine the best day and month to take action. And the day selected was March 7, nearly a year later.

Then Haman approached King Xerxes and said, "There is a certain race of people scattered through all the provinces of your empire who keep themselves separate from everyone else. Their laws are different from those of any other people, and they refuse to obey the laws of the king. So it is not in the king's interest to let them live. If it please the king, issue a decree that they be destroyed, and I will give 10,000 large sacks of silver to the government administrators to be deposited in the royal treasury."

The king agreed, confirming his decision by removing his signet ring from his finger and giving it to Haman the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. The king said, "The money and the people are both yours to do with as you see fit."

So a decree, written exactly as Haman dictated, in the name of King Xerxes and sealed with the king's signet ring, was sent to every leader in every province of the empire. The decree gave the order that all Jews—young and old, including women and children—must be annihilated on the chosen day. The property of the Jews would be given to those who killed them.

After the decree went out, the king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Susa fell into confusion.

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

Sermon: **Where is God When We are Overwhelmed?**
Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Song: *You are God Alone*

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Tim McGarvey

Music Ministry Team:
Bekah Brennan & Amanda Cox, vocals; Ethan Bast, guitar & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

Do It Again

Verse 1

Walking around these walls
I thought by now they'd fall
But you have never failed me yet
Waiting for change to come
Knowing the battle's won
For you have never failed me yet

**Your promise still stands
Great is your faithfulness,
faithfulness
I'm still in your hands
This is my confidence
You've never failed me yet**

Verse 2

I know the night won't last
Your word will come to pass
My heart will sing
your praise again
Jesus you're still enough
Keep me within your love
My heart will sing
your praise again

Chorus

Bridge

I've seen you move
You move the mountains
And I believe I'll see you do it again
You made a way
Where there was no way
And I believe I'll see you do it again

Chorus

Goodness of God

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

**All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have
been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Chorus

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God, my Father;
There is no shadow
of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou has been,
Thou forever wilt be.

**Great is Thy faithfulness,
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning
new mercies I see.
All I have needed,
Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me.**

Verse 2

Summer and winter
and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars
in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold
witness to Thy great
faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Chorus

Verse 3

Pardon for sin,
and a peace that endureth;
Thy own dear presence
to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today,
and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine
with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

You Are God Alone

Verse 1

You are not a god created
By human hands
You are not a god dependent
On any mortal man
You are not a god in need of
Anything we can give
By Your plan
That's just the way it is

**You are God alone
from before time began
You were on Your throne
You are God alone
And right now
in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne
You are God alone**

Verse 2

You're the only God whose
power none can contend
You're the only God whose name
and praise will never end
You're the only God who's worthy
of ev'rything we can give
You are God
That's just the way it is

Chorus

Bridge

You're unchangeable
You're unshakable
You're unstoppable
that's what You are (Sing 4x)

Chorus



Headed for Royal Family Kids' Camp, Headed for a Lot of Fun!

Wayne and Diane Tesch started the first RFKC in 1985 in Costa Mesa, CA. In 1990 they founded RFK, Inc. There are now more than 250 camps. Learn more at <https://www.forthethechildren.org/> In its 27th year, Houghton RFKC 2021 will welcome and provide a week of positive memories to 52 children, ages 6 -12. Thank you to those of you who serve as volunteers, prayer partners and donors!

Residential Staff: Tony Aqueci; Patrick Barringer; Rebekah Brennan; Penny Burdick; Betty Casey; Mary Gibson; Tracie Gurney; Rachel Hand; Wynn Horton; Deb Kissinger; Melissa MacLean; Julie McLarney-Pagett; Ann McNeill/Maddie, the therapy dog; Kathy Moore; Rick Moore; Nancy Murphy; Graig Knowlton; Stephanie Pierce; JoAnn Purdy; Jarod Reed; Shannon Reed; Kathy Reitnour; Rebecca Rowley; Gudy/Daryl Stevenson; Olivia Tetta; Justin Thomas; Jen Wolfer

Residential Counselors: Jeff Babbitt; Katie/Nick Badeau; Macy Beardsley; Jennie Bruno; Julia Colombo; Wendy Connell; Maya Cooley; MaryJo Cronk; Jordan Crouch; Lydia Crump; Joshua Derck; Rueben Hand; Tanya Hatton; Karis Horton; Kristen Horton; Cassiey Kemp; Nicole Kemp; Lauren Moore; Jordan Mullen; Sadie Noyes; Jordan Olsen; Jack Pagett; Jackie Pedulla; Rebecca Rowley; Jessica Rozanski; Justin Thomas; Kevin Thompson; Amber Torrey; Colby Wolfer; Luke Wolfer

Youth Team: Bec Cronk, Coordinator; Lexi Allan; Megan Pagett; Emily Reed

Dayworkers/Support Staff: Beth Beardsley; Carol Castor; Kim Cockle; Laurie Dashnau; Cathy Freytag; Doug/Phyllis Gaerte; Cheryl Gibson; Chris Haag; Sally/Ed Johnson; Eric Jones; Mike/Cindy Lastoria; Bitsy Mayhle; Doug/Judi Mayhle; Rob McNeill; Brenda Montanye; Harmony Moore; James/Darice Mullen; Steve Pockock; Jessica Romance; Kristen Sanasith; Charlie/Connie Smith; Patty Stalker; John/Barb VanWicklin; Kathy Wolfer; Fillmore Wesleyan Church Bible Study members.

Special Thanks: To those who helped "Keep Us Moving" during challenging times.

Theme: Royal Olympics

Bible stories based on the life of David

Patio Stone named *Cherished* (by Kathy Reitnour and her Team of Hoppers)

2021 Verse

For I am convinced that nothing can ever separate me from His love.

-Romans 8:38a

Houghton Royal Family Kids Camp

Donors of one or more "camper-ships" for our 2021 RFKC: David/Kathleen Albrecht, Heather Armstrong, Gary/Wendy Baxter, Phil/Sue Brooks, Dave/Jane Buteyn, Bob Danner, Mark/Laurie Dashnau, Dave/Karen Daugherty, Mike/Connie Doyle, Bill/Judy Doezema, Dick/Joy Eliezer, Tim/Carol Fuller, Lynn Fulmer, Robert/Cheryl Gibson, Mary Gibson, Sylvia Greenway, Tracie Gurney, Dick/Lynn Harter, Karen Hazzard, Ken/Stephanie Hoffman, Wm/Linda Hollenback, Irmagard Howard, Rose Jones, Eliza Kelly, Ralph/Marilyn Kerr, Erick/Marianne Laine, Jack/Linda Leax, Ben/Susan Lipscomb, Michael/Kim Maxwell, Tim/Sharon McGarvey, Rob/Ann McNeill, Mark/Laura Miner, Steve/Cathy Morley, James/Darice Mullen, Larry/Vesta Mullen, Ted/Nancy Murphy, Mike/Jane Nelson, Ron/Elizabeth Oakerson, Gordon/Joann Purdy, Don/Amy Purdy, Kathy Reitnour, Jane Roeske, Peter/Jessica Romance, Phil/Donnie Stockin, Steve/Kim Tucker, Wm/Joan Veley, Mike/Nancy Walters, John/Nettie White, +Herb/Karen Williams (in honor of Dick/Lillian Fuller, our first RFKC Grandparents), Matt/Barbara Woolsey, Jim/Donna Zoller.

Donated supplies for camp: Thanks to those who donated crafts, stuffed animals, clothing, toys, toiletries, gift cards, etc. Special thanks to Carol Castor for quilting a special blanket for each of our campers J. You brighten our lives!

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