

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Whether you are a guest or a regular participant in the worship of this congregation, we join together to remember the many blessings of God upon our lives and to respond to him in thanksgiving and obedience. As we sing, pray, read scripture, and hear the word of God proclaimed, let us open our hearts to him and in so doing receive peace, strength and love from his gracious hand.

GUEST PREACHER: Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Joey Jennings as our guest preacher. Joey is Superintendent of the Western New York District of The Wesleyan Church. We appreciate his willingness to share God's Word with us today.

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

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for online and in-person worship at 10:00 and for outdoor worship at 11:15. The Rev. Dr. Sarah Derck 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.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 105 across from the Library. All are welcome.

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 two weeks. Hope to see both new and old faces in August!

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$96,729.90 / **Budget Received:** \$80,199.29

DISCIPLESHIP – Are you interested in growing deeper in your walk with Christ and fellow believers? Bible Study Groups and accountability bands for the Fall are taking shape. Please contact Pastor Paul with your questions, suggestions and desire to participate. Paulshea@hwchurch.org

MISSION MOMENT - Recent correspondence from Martin and Sheri Hegeman at Sahel Academy in Niamey. Niger reveals a busy summer with Martin acting as facilities manager at both the old Campus (suffering severe flood damage) and the two new properties rented across the city; Sheri is administrative secretary for SIM Niger Director – all while being forced to change housing. They rejoice for the privilege of impacting wonderful students. They covet our prayers.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Yes, the Wesleyan churches in Cuba have been blessed with growth and opportunities to shine for Christ. But there is no question that there are restrictions that they deal with, creating all the more reason to pray for all Christians in the midst of civic unrest in that land. We pray for freedom to worship and witness Christ the Lord.

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 ZionQuest Christian Fellowship, Cheektowaga (Pastor Kim Gladden).

**Outdoor Worship Service
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 18, 2021 at 11:15am**

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration: *When Peace Like a River; Oceans; Good to Me*

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:24-27

“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

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

(Children PreK-6th Grade dismissed for Children’s Sunday School in the Community Room)

Sermon: **Thriving Through Life’s Storms**

Rev. Joey Jennings

Song: *Lord, I Need You*

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Heidi Huizenga

Music Ministry Team:

Grace Deitrick & Amanda Cox, vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals

It is Well with My Soul

Verse 1

When peace like a river
attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot,
thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

**It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

Verse 2

Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded
my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood
for my soul.

Chorus

Verse 3

My sin oh, the bliss
of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross,
and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul!

Chorus

Verse 4

O Lord, haste the day
when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back
as a scroll;
the trump shall resound
and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

Chorus

Oceans

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown
where feet may fail
And there I find You
in the mystery
In oceans deep
my faith will stand

**And I will call
upon Your name
And keep my eyes
above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest
in Your embrace
For I am Yours
and You are mine**

Verse 2

Your grace abounds
in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand
will be my guide
Where feet may fail
and fear surrounds me
You've never failed
and You won't start now

Chorus

Bridge (3x)

Spirit, lead me where my trust
is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than
my feet could ever wander
And my faith
will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior

Chorus

Good To Me

Verse 1

I put all my hope
In the truth of Your promise
And I steady my heart
On the ground of Your goodness
When I'm bowed down
with sorrow
I will lift up Your name
And the foxes in the vineyard
Will not steal my joy

**Because You are good to me
good to me
You are good to me, good to me
You are good to me**

Verse 2

And I lift my eyes
To the hills
where my help is found
And Your voice fills the night
Raise my head up
to hear the sound
And when fires burn all around me
I will praise You my God
And the foxes in the vineyard
Will not steal my joy

Chorus

Bridge

Your goodness and mercy
Shall follow me all my life
I trust in Your promise
(Sing 3x)

Chorus

Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my
righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

Where sin runs deep
Your grace is more
Where grace is found
is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And 'cause I cannot stand
I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And 'cause I cannot stand
I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus