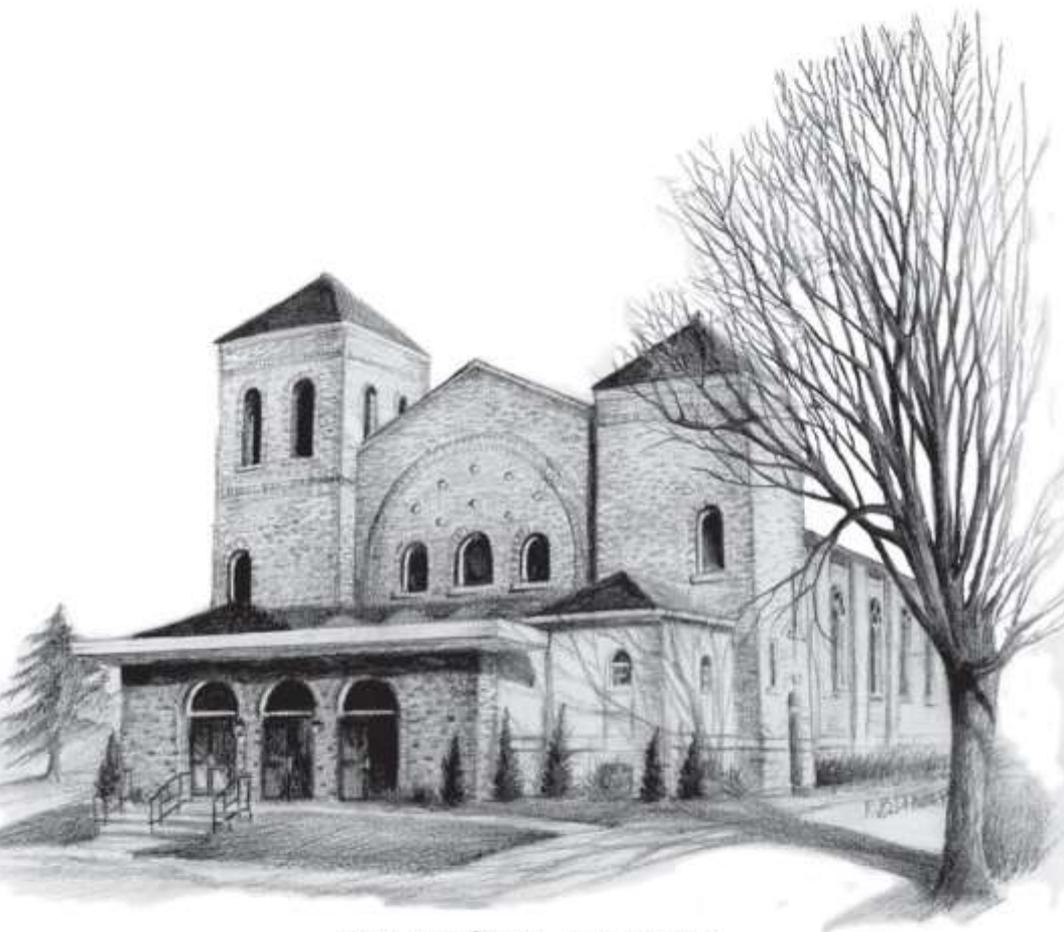




# Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 25, 2021

10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

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Prelude: *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* (Dale Wood)

Welcome

Call to Worship

God makes the sun to rise and set; He causes the summer and winter to come and go.

***He is faithful from generation to generation.***

God helps plants grow and flowers bloom;

He gives us food to eat, places to live, people to love us.

***He is faithful from generation to generation.***

God is always with us, always guiding us, keeping His promises to us.

***He is faithful from generation to generation.***

Let us praise and give thanks to our faithful God!

***Alleluia, Amen!***

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 63: ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Emily Spateholts

Songs of Adoration: ***Remember; I Shall Not Want; God is So Good***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: John 6:1-15

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

Hymn 66: ***How Gentle God's Commands***

Sermon: **Generous Bread**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Derck

Closing Song: ***Wonderful, Merciful Savior***

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Grace Jordan

Music Ministry Team:

Jeff Babbitt, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;

Dan Wartinger, guitar & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals;

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The Psalmist encourages us to enter God's gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise (100:4). This morning we worship to rejoice in God's blessings and to ask for His help in our struggles. Wherever we are, God is with us! Let us open our lives to Him.

**GUEST PREACHER:** Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Sarah Derck as our guest preacher. Sarah is Associate Professor of Old Testament; Chair, Biblical Studies, Theology, Philosophy Department at Houghton College. We appreciate her willingness to share God's Word with us today.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** we gather for online and in-person worship at 10:00 and for outdoor worship at 11:15. Pastor Wes will be preaching.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children ages PreK-6th grade can join us in the Community Room during the sermon for a time of learning and fun. Reminder: Because our children are not eligible for the vaccination at this time, please remember to send you child(ren) with a mask for Sunday School until the Task Force is able to discuss this issue and/or the CDC lifts their restrictions. Thanks!

**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.

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

**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 this week. Hope to see both new and old faces again in August!

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Budget Needed: \$112,357.28/ Budget Received: \$101,559.96**

**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](mailto:Paulshea@hwchurch.org)

**MISSION MOMENT** - Not every global mission worker from Houghton is financially supported by HWC. But there are dozens, even hundreds of ambassadors for Jesus serving around the globe with roots in Houghton. Today we pray for family members, relatives, classmates, friends and others with connections to our church in some way. We are grateful to be a part of extending God's kingdom until Christ's return

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Are you good at math? Afghanistan has around 42 million people. There are close to 10,000 Christians in the land. What percent of Afghans are Christian? Afghan Christians cannot openly declare their faith. Imagine the struggles of being a Christian in that land, in that community, or even in one's family. We pray for Christ to be near our brothers and sisters there in an increasingly difficult place.

**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 The Vine Wesleyan Church, Depew (Pastor Jason Argo).