

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 25, 2021

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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!

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 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

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).

Outdoor Worship Service
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021 at 11:15am

Welcome & Opening Prayer

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

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 6:1-15

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages^[a] to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

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

Sermon: **Generous Bread**
Rev. Dr. Sarah Derck

Song: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Amanda Cox
Music Ministry Team:
Amanda Cox & Jeff Babbitt, vocals; Dan Wartinger, guitar & vocals

Remember

Verse 1

My heart hangs
on every word that You speak
I need You Lord come find me
Holy Spirit breathe
I've been
walking through deserts
I need more of Your presence
I'm weak Savior be my strength

Chorus

Down in the valley
when waters rise
I'm still believing hope is alive
All through the struggle
and darkest day
I'll remember the empty grave

Verse 2

Your touch bringing me closer
Your hand
healing what's broken
My prayer Father meet me here
My life for all of Your glory
Your grace let it surround me
Let faith change the atmosphere

Chorus

Bridge

Hallelujah death is done
All of hell is overcome
Jesus You are alive
Hallelujah death is done
All of hell is overcome
Oh my Jesus You are alive
(Repeat)

Chorus

I Shall Not Want

Verse 1

From the love
of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me, O God

Verse 2

From the need to be understood
And from a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver me, O God
Deliver me, O God

Chorus

And I shall not want
No I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness
I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness
I shall not want

Verse 3

From the fear of serving others
Oh and from the
fear of death or trial
And from the fear of humility
Deliver me, O God
Yes, deliver me, O God

Chorus

And I shall not want
No I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness
I shall not want
No I shall not want
No I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness
I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness
I shall not want
I shall not want
Shall not want

God is So Good

God is so good
God is so good
God is so good,
He's so good to me.

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought
that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

**You are the One
that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the
healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts
always hunger for**

Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Chorus

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness
You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling
before Your throne

Chorus