

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 8, 2021 LISTEN AT 106.9 FM

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist exclaims, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" We come to worship today to offer to God our praise. May God fill our hearts and lives with his glorious presence.

GUEST PREACHER: Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Michael Jordan, Dean of the Chapel at Houghton College as our guest preacher.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for online and in-person worship at 10:00 and for outdoor worship at 11:15. Pastor Wes will preach from Esther 6, asking *Where Is God When the King Can't Sleep?*

NEXT SUNDAY WARREN BYERLY MEMORIAL SERVICE AT 3 P.M. followed by burial at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

BAPTISM AND DEDICATIONS: We are planning a baptism service on Sunday, August 22, 3:00pm in the church sanctuary. If you or someone in your family is interested in being baptized or in having your children dedicated, please let me know.

ICE CREAM GATHERING: Sunday, August 22, following the baptism service (3:30pm), you are invited to an hour of ice cream and fellowship in the church grounds. The church will provide ice cream and toppings. This is an opportunity to reconnect with others and to welcome Houghton College students who are on campus early.

MEMBERSHIP: If you are interested in becoming a member of HWC or are interested in knowing more about membership at HWC, contact me right away. Pastor Wes is hosting a membership class on Monday, August 16, 7:00pm..

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children ages PreK-6th grade can join us in the Community Room during the sermon for a time of learning and fun. Our August series, "Famous," continues today! Here's what GROW has to say: " Lots of kids dream about becoming famous . . . and why shouldn't they? It sounds awesome to have fans who celebrate your wins with you! On the flip side, it would be pretty tough to have people always watching, even when you're not having the best day. In Famous, we are going to talk about a family in the Bible who lived in such a spotlight. Through their stories, kids will learn that no matter our celebrity status, we can make things right, God gives us friends, we can ask for God's guidance, we can give God what we have. Fame and fans may come and go, but you don't need to be liked by everyone when you're loved by God!"

Reminder: Because our children are not eligible for the vaccination at this time and the CDC and our Task Force recommend masking for those that are unvaccinated, please remember to send your child(ren) with a mask for Sunday School for their protection and the protection of others. Thanks!

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP – Room 105 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY IS MEETING THIS WEEK. Hope to see both new and old faces again on Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Room!

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$144,459.36 / **Budget Received:** \$124,612.34

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/>

MISSION MOMENT - Cory and Kris Thede request prayer for Haiti as political tensions are still high following the murder of Haiti's President. Meanwhile the Thedes ask prayer for wisdom on when to return to Haiti, and to make the best use of these months Stateside visiting churches, equipping themselves with more training to being agents of healing and freedom in Christ, and other fruitful ministries.

PERSECUTED CHURCH –Christians make up more than half of all Mozambique's population but in the northern provinces Islamic insurgency has sent 800,000 fleeing and at least 300 believers killed in 100s of churches attacked.

Pray for churches and Christian agencies ministering to thousands in displacement camps. People of all ages and all faiths are calling for help. Jesus hears as we join in prayer.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family of Mary Kingdon who died last week (Memorial Service, Wednesday, 10:00am in High Point NC) and for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: Donna Hess, Denise Zambrano, 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 Levant Wesleyan Church, Falconer (Pastor Al Meyers).

Outdoor Worship Service
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 8, 2021 at 11:15am

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration:
Death Was Arrested; King of Kings; Grace Greater Than our Sin

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:25-32

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

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

Sermon: **Truth, Grace, Forgiveness**
Rev. Dr. Michael Jordan

Song: *Jesus Paid it All*

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Pastor Cindy Oden

Music Ministry Team:
Joanna Bates & Mike Cox, vocals; Amanda Cox, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

Death Was Arrested

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope
with no place to begin
Your love made a way
to let mercy come in
When death was arrested
and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet
my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested
and my life began

**Oh Your grace so free
washes over me
You have made me new
now life begins with You
It's Your endless love
pouring down on us
You have made us new
now life begins with You**

Released from my chains
I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom
He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt
and He called me His friend
When death was arrested
and my life began

Chorus

Our Savior displayed
on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced
as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose
with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested
and my life began

Chorus

Oh we're free, free, forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free, free, forever amen
When death was arrested
and my life began

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
to a cradle in the dirt

**Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings**

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus, for our sake You died

Chorus

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ,
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Marvelous grace
of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds
our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's
mount outpoured
There where the blood
of the Lamb was spilt

**Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that will pardon
and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that is greater
than all our sin**

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide
What can avail to wash it away
Look there is flowing a crimson tide
Whiter than snow
you may be today

Chorus

Marvelous infinite matchless grace
Freely bestowed on all who believe
You that are longing to see His face
Will you this moment
His grace receive?

Chorus

Jesus Paid It All

Verse 1

I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Chorus 1

**Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow**

Verse 2

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Chorus 1

Verse 3

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Chorus 1

Interlude

Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow

Chorus 2

Oh praise the One
Who paid my debt
And raised this life
up from the dead
(Sing 4x)

Chorus 1

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