

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 15, 2021 LISTEN AT 106.9 FM

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Each week we face the ups and downs of human living. We worship this morning to proclaim that the Lord is God and that we worship him as our King.

**TODAY IS WARREN BYERLY'S MEMORIAL SERVICE AT 3 P.M.** in the sanctuary

**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 7-10, asking *What Does God Do about Evil?*

**BAPTISM AND ICE CREAM:** We are planning a baptism service on Sunday, August 22, 3:00pm in the church sanctuary. 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.

**CONNECTING:** We are in the process of updating email addresses and phone numbers for texting so that everyone who desires receives information from the church. If you are not currently receiving either a text or email for Pastor Wes's weekly letter and weekly video chat, please contact the church office and we will update your information.

**FALL SERVICE TIMES:** Hopefully you received Pastor Wes's letter this week detailing the Fall Worship Schedule. After exploring numerous options that would enable time before and after services for personal and spiritual conversations, enable all who desire to attend Sunday School, and to continue the outdoor service, the staff and elders are excited to announce this new schedule which will begin August 29.

8:45 a.m. Outdoor Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School (begins September 5)

11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

**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! *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!*

**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/> **Valley Preschool is now accepting applications for two-year-olds (by September 1st).** Contact [casdadanner@hwchurch.org](mailto:casdadanner@hwchurch.org) with questions.

**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:** \$160,510.40 / **Budget Received:** \$150,496.32

**MISSION MOMENT** - Dr. Don Little departs today for Nigeria and several weeks equipping local workers serving in Muslim communities. Covid 19 and security challenges loom. Pray especially for a week in troubled Jos, Nigeria region. Dr. Ben Hegeman then joins for more LTC equipping seminars and later in Benin meets wife, Christine, for extended teaching ministries.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** –The group, Human Rights Without Borders, reveals the shocking fact that jihadists have “hacked to death” no fewer than 3,462 Christians in the region in the last 200 days! Where is the global outcry? We must be praying for God to intervene.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for the family of Warren Byerly (Memorial Service: Today, 3:00 in the church sanctuary) and for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: 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 effected 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 Peace Wesleyan Church, Falconer (Pastor Jason Claydon).

**Outdoor Worship Service  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 15, 2021 at 11:15am**

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration:

***This is Amazing Grace; This is My Father's World; Speak, O Lord***

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Esther 5:9-6:14 (selected verses)

After Queen Esther's banquet, Haman went out that day happy and in high spirits. But when he saw Mordecai, who neither rose nor showed fear in his presence, he was filled with rage.

When he got home, he called together his friends and his wife and boasted about his vast wealth, his many sons, and all the ways the king had honored him, elevated him above the other nobles and officials. "And that's not all," Haman added. "I'm the only person Queen Esther invited to accompany the king to the banquet she gave. And she has invited me along with the king tomorrow. But all this gives me no satisfaction as long as I see that Jew Mordecai sitting at the king's gate."

His wife and all his friends said to him, "Have a high pole set up and ask the king in the morning to have Mordecai impaled on it. Then go with the king to the banquet and enjoy yourself." This suggestion delighted Haman, and he had the pole set up.

That night the king could not sleep; so he ordered the book of the chronicles, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him. It was found recorded there that Mordecai had exposed a conspiracy to assassinate King Xerxes.

When the king discovered that nothing had been done to reward Mordecai, the king asked, "Who is in the court?" Haman had just entered the court to speak to the king about impaling Mordecai on the pole he had set up for him. The king had Haman brought in and asked him, "What should be done for the man the king delights to honor?" Now Haman thought to himself, "Who is there that the king would rather honor than me?" So he answered the king, "For the man the king delights to honor, have them bring a royal robe the king has worn and a horse the king has ridden, one with a royal crest placed on its head. Then have one of the king's most noble princes lead the horse through the city streets, proclaiming before him, "This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!"

"Go at once," the king commanded Haman. "Get the robe and the horse and do just as you have suggested for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not neglect anything you have recommended."

So Haman got the robe and the horse and led Mordecai on horseback through the city streets, proclaiming before him, "This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!"

Afterward Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman rushed home, with his head covered in grief, and told his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him.

His advisers and his wife said to him, "Since Mordecai, before whom your downfall has started, is of Jewish origin, you cannot stand against him—you will surely come to ruin!" While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried Haman away to the banquet Esther had prepared.

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

**Sermon: How is God Working When the King Can't Sleep?**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Behold Our God***

Benediction

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Scripture Reader: Laura Esh

Music Ministry Team:

Jadyn Mucher & Betsy Webb, vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals;  
Amanda Cox, keyboard & vocals; Dan Wartinger, cajón

*The rose in front of the platform is in honor of the birth of Paul Andrew Reusser  
born on June 11 to Alison and George and sisters, Izzy and Agnes.*

### **This Is Amazing Grace**

Who breaks the power  
of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty  
and so much stronger  
The King of Glory  
the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth  
with holy thunder  
Who leaves us breathless  
in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory  
the King above all kings

**This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for  
all that You've done for me**

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan  
a son and daughter  
The King of Glory  
the King above all kings

Who rules the nations  
with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun  
in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory  
the King above all kings

#### ***Chorus***

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King  
who conquered the grave (3x)  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
worthy, worthy, worthy! (*Chorus*)

### **This is My Father's World**

This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings,  
and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees,  
of skies and seas--  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass  
I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong  
seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
The battle is not done  
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied  
And earth and heaven be one.  
This is my Father's world!  
Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King:  
let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let earth be glad!

#### **Speak O Lord**

**Verse 1**  
Speak O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food  
of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us  
in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ  
might be seen today  
In our acts of love  
and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

**Verse 2**  
Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise;  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

**Verse 3**  
Speak O Lord  
and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights  
of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged

from the dawn of time  
That will echo down  
through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand  
on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk  
as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord  
till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled  
with Your glory

### **Behold Our God**

**Verse 1**  
Who has held  
the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered  
every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations  
tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

#### ***Chorus***

**Behold our God  
seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King  
nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him**

**Verse 2**  
Who has given  
counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question  
any of His words?  
Who can teach  
the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom  
all His wondrous deeds?

#### ***Chorus***

**Verse 3**  
Who has felt  
the nails upon His hands?  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

#### ***Chorus***

#### **Bridge**

#### **Call:**

You will reign forever

#### **Response:**

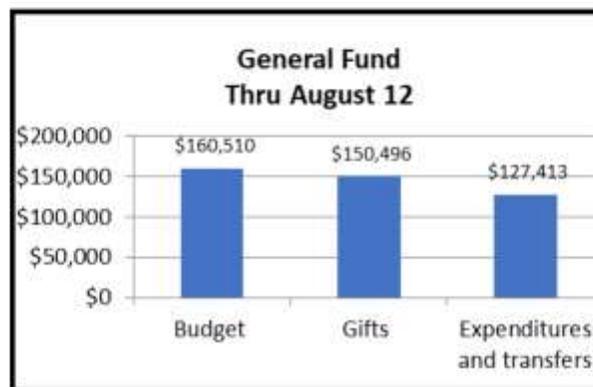
Let Your glory fill the earth  
(Sing 6x)

#### ***Chorus***

## Stewardship – A Life of Generosity

Why is giving so important? Here are two simple reasons that exist among many more.

- Giving makes me more like God.
- For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16/NIV)
- God is the ultimate giver. God gave us life, He gave us this world and most importantly He gave us his Son to be in deep relationship with that would last for eternity. John 3:16 shows us the strong relationship between loving and giving. You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.
- Giving strengthens my faith.
- Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. (Proverbs 3:5,9/NIV)
- There has not been anything more rewarding in my life then when I've been able to give to the Lord when I haven't always known where the money is coming from. Giving the way that God wants us to give needs to go beyond our budgeting. Our giving must require faith. The more we give, the more He provides us the ability to give. The more we give, the stronger our faith becomes, and we realize that we simply cannot out give the Father.
- Luke 6:38 states, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."



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