

Outdoor Worship Service
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 2021 at 8:45am

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration:

Thrive; Is He Worthy; Beautiful Savior

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Psalm 72

May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness. May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor. May he endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations. May he be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth. In his days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more. Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness. May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice. May he rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. May the desert tribes bow before him and his enemies lick the dust. May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring tribute to him. May the kings of Sheba and Seba present him gifts. May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him. May he rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. May the desert tribes bow before him and his enemies lick the dust. May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring tribute to him. May the kings of Sheba and Seba present him gifts. May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him. He will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight. Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be given him. May people ever pray for him and bless him all day long. May grain abound throughout the land; on the tops of the hills may it sway. May the crops flourish like Lebanon and thrive like the grass of the field. May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. Then all nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed. Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. This concludes the prayers of David son of Jesse. Amen and Amen.

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

Sermon: **The Privilege of Influencing the World**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Your Great Name*

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Ann McNeill

Music Ministry Team:

Kristen Sanasith, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. We join our hearts and minds, even if from a distance, to worship God. In our worship, we remember that he loves us, that he is for us, and that his desires for us are far greater than we could ever imagine. As we embark on a new academic year, we gather asking God's Spirit to work in us and to transform us by His grace.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes begins a series of sermons that focus on Myths that Make Us. Throughout the Sundays this fall, we will be thinking about how some partially true ideas can lead us away from God's wonderful designs for us. Next week's sermon is from Nehemiah 8 addressing The Myth that Makes Us Oppressive. Please join us for outdoor worship 8:45 a.m. and for indoor/streaming worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School begins next week for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

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.

THERE IS NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH THIS WEEK. Children are invited to worship with their families!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT WEEK. Two or three groups will commence next week. It will be helpful for those attending to make suggestions and even offer leadership as we move into a new phase of fellowship and discipleship. Make sure to welcome students as part of our church family.

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 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: \$192,612.48 / **Budget Received:** \$175,068.16

MISSION MOMENT - In spite of repeated lockdowns and much ministry through Zoom, God is working mightily in Sri Lanka through Cedric and Sharlini Rodrigo and other workers. A new urban church plant project in a suburb of Colombo means that Wesleyans minister in the three main languages of Sri Lanka – Sinhala, Tamil, and English. Pray for Cedric as he mentors widely spread out pastors and workers.

PERSECUTED CHURCH –Our thoughts continue towards Christians in Afghanistan and the many coping with the rapid changes and dangers in that country. We pray specifically for clearance and safety for students accepted for both Houghton College and Academy. Reports tell of known and expected trials, and even death for Christians in that land.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: Jessica Bogdan, Denise Zambrano, 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 Watermark Wesleyan Church, Hamburg (Pastor Paul Gartley).

For more information about church activities, please visit our website: www.hwchurch.org or email us at info@hwchurch.org.

Thrive

Verse 1

Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water
We never will run dry
So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls
with one desire

Chorus

**Just to know You
and to make You known
We lift Your name on high
Shine like the sun
make darkness run and hide
We know we were made
for so much more
Than ordinary lives
It's time for us to
more than just survive
We were made to thrive**

Verse 2

Into Your Word we're digging deep
To know our Father's heart
Into the world we're reaching out
To show them who You are
So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls
with one desire

Chorus

Bridge (sing 4x)

Joy unspeakable, Faith unsinkable
Love unstoppable, Anything is possible

Chorus

Is He Worthy

Do you feel the world is broken?
We do.
Do you feel the shadows deepen?
We do.
But do you know that all the dark
won't stop the light from getting
through? We do.
Do you wish that you could see it
all made new? We do.
Is all creation groaning? It is.
Is a new creation coming? It is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be
the light within our midst? It is.
Is it good that we remind
ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy?

Is anyone whole?

**Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?**

**The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave
He is David's Root**

**And the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave
Is He worthy? Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor
and glory?**

Is He worthy of this? He is

Does the Father truly love us? He does.
Does the Spirit move among us?
He does.

And does Jesus our Messiah hold
forever those He loves? He does.
Does our God intend
to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy?

Is anyone whole?

**Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?**

**The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave**

**From ev'ry people and tribe
every nation and tongue
He has made us
a kingdom and priests
to God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor
and glory?**

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Is He worthy of this?

He is! He is!

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

He is! He is!

**He is worthy! He is worthy!
He is!**

Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul,
my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs
of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our
sorr'wing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Your Great Name

Verse 1

Lost are saved find their way
At the sound of Your great Name
All condemned feel no shame
At the sound of Your great Name
Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great Name
The enemy he has to leave
At the sound of Your great Name

Chorus

**Jesus worthy is the Lamb
that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name**

Verse 2

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great Name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great Name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great Name
The sick are healed
the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name

Chorus

Bridge

Redeemer my Healer Lord
Almighty
Defender my Savior You are my
King (Repeat)

Jesus, the name of Jesus!
You are high and lifted up,
and all the world will praise
Your great name!

Chorus