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Outdoor Worship Service Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 26, 2021 at 8:45am

Welcome

Song of Adoration:
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:5-18

⁵ Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; ⁶ with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God. ⁸ First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹ Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. ¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: ¹⁶ “This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.” ¹⁷ Then he adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more. ¹⁸ And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

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

Sermon: **The Myth that Makes Us Average**
Pastor Wes Oden

Meditation: *Look What You've Done*

Time of Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Songs of Response: *Thrive, Build My Life*

Celebration of Ministry: Prayer Vigil

Closing Song: *Surrender All*

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Jamie Potter

Music Ministry Team:
Amanda Cox, Bekah Scharf, Betsy Webb, vocals;
Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The prophet Isaiah declares to God's people: "Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters... Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near" (55:1,6, NIV). As we ponder the gracious invitation of God for His people, may God inspire us to take Him up on His offer, knowing that He who calls us loves us and wants to do above and beyond what we are able to ask or imagine.

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NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes continues this series of sermons that focus on Myths that Make Us. Next week's sermon is from Mark 5 addressing The Myth that Makes Us Barter. Please join us for outdoor worship 8:45 a.m. and for indoor/streaming blended worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:45 a.m.

PRAYER VIGIL: For the past 11 years, we have hosted a 3-week, 24-hour prayer vigil. Because of Covid-19, last year's vigil was moved from the Prayer Room to outdoors. This year's event will also be outdoors and begins today at 5:00 p.m. and concludes October 10 at 5:00 p.m. We have designed prayer stations (under the canopies on the north lawn) that will lead us through an hour of prayer. You may sign up for a time slot on the church website or by using [this link](#).

CONNECTING: We continue to update 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 and would like to, please contact the church office and we will update your information.

YOUTH GROUP: YG starts at 6pm and will be finished by about 8pm. Both Junior High and Senior High students will join us for that time. We will often be outdoors if the weather is nice, but will be indoors, wearing masks, when the weather does not co-operate. Please be sure to bring a mask!

WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—9:30 a.m. in the Good Shepherd Room (lower level of the sanctuary).

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY MEETS THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:00 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Room, outdoors if weather permits.

KIDS' CLUB for children grades 1-6 starts Wednesday, October 6 at 6:30 in the Community Room. Great Stories of the Old Testament is our topic this year for Bible, Activities, and Crafts. See you there, kids!

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$256,816.64 / **Budget Received:** \$230,271.84

MISSION MOMENT - Kevin and Cindy Austin, on home ministry will be visiting Houghton Wesleyan October 24th before their late November return to Czech Republic. They are visiting churches and supporters and praying for the 25% of support funding needed. We pray for success and praise God for the arrival of their 7th grandchild last month.

PERSECUTED CHURCH –The newly elected ruling party in the Moroccan parliament hopefully favors more religious freedom, as opposed to the former majority Islamists who wished to impose sharia law among other restrictions. We pray for Christians to be bold in their witness for Christ in this dominantly Muslim country where three years in prison has been normal punishment for sharing your faith.

BANDING TOGETHER – Those interested in information about joining two or three others in discipleship groups should meet today at 9:45 a.m. or missing that session, request more information from Pastor Paul Shea. paulshea@hwchurch.org.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: Sith Sanasith (Souly's brother), Mildred Congdon (Judy's mother), 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), Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Elijah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, 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, particularly Afghans; for peace amid threats of war; for the Joy Community Church, Machias (Pastor Judy Gallegos).

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Verse 2

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Verse 3

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Verse 4

Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

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

Build My Life

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song
we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise
we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above
ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one
who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You, We live for You

Chorus

**Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love
to those around me**

Verse 1, Verse 2, *Chorus*

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Chorus

Surrender All

Verse 1

Take all I am Lord
and all that I cling to
You are my Savior
I owe everything to
Take all the treasures
that lie in my storehouse
They cannot follow
when I enter Your house

Chorus

**So I surrender all to You
I surrender all**

Verse 2

Take all my cravings
for vain recognition
Fleshly indulgence
and worldly ambition
I want so much Lord
to make You the focus
To serve You in secret
and never be noticed

Chorus

Verse 3

Take all my hunger
for all that's forbidden
Every desire
and sin I keep hidden
Search me and know me
I want to bring to You
A life that is holy
and sanctified through You

Chorus

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