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WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 3, 2021

11:00 STREAMING SERVICE

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Prelude: *My Faithful Heart Rejoices* (Brahms)

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 357: *Be Thou My Vision*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Anthem: *For the Beauty of the Earth* (John Rutter)

Children's Sermon: Emily Spateholts

Songs of Adoration: *I Will Lift My Eyes; Before the Throne; I Speak Jesus*

Prayer of Confession

O God, your being is love and all your works toward us are mercy. Forgive us when we stray from our confession of faith into thinking that you are like the gods of this world, who demand destructive sacrifices in exchange for your favor. Cleanse us from the injustice that goes hand in hand with idolatry. Illumine our minds with knowledge of who You are, acknowledging you as the Source, the Giver, whose attitude toward us is one abounding in unflinching generosity and steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, who trusted you through death to new life, Amen.

Scripture Reading: Mark 5:21-43

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

Hymn 356: *Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All*

Sermon: **The Myth that Makes Us Barter**

Pastor Wes Oden

Time of Prayer

*Please feel free sit, stand, or kneel as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.*

Communion

Closing Song: *Lord, I Need You*

Benediction

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Organist: Nicholas Liddick

Scripture Reader: Rachel Huchthausen

Music Ministry Team:

Kristen Sanasith, Ethan Carr, vocals; Dan Wartinger, guitar & vocals;  
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Jan Schilke, keyboard

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The apostle Paul writes, "So now there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). As we gather here or wherever we are, may we embrace the freedom that God has bestowed on us. Let us unite ourselves as one body, that we may exercise this freedom and use it to cultivate a community of faith. May our worship today leave us renewed by His power and convinced of His love.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes continues this series of sermons that focus on Myths that Make Us. Next week's sermon is from 1 Thessalonians 4 addressing The Myth that Makes Us Cold. 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.

#### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:**

- Kids activity bags, worship bulletins, and Bibles are available at the back of the sanctuary!
- There will be no nursery and no 11:00 children's church today due to low staffing and lack of demand.
- We're celebrating our annual **Harvest Fest** with a **Drive-Through** on **October 30th** from 10am-noon and are requesting donations of individually wrapped candies and personal sized goldfish, pretzels, and fruit snacks for the treat bags we will be handing out. Donation baskets will be located at each service on Sunday mornings and outside the church office during the week. Thank you!
- **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!

**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.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Budget Needed:** \$272,867.68 / **Budget Received:** \$244,909.40

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

**MISSION MOMENT** - Did you know that there are 200 Latino Churches and 200,000 Latinos in Greater Western and Central NY? In preparation for a multi-year mobilization for spiritual awakening the missional Peruvian band, CORBAN, is this month bringing music and worship to several school setting nearby. Pray for God's Spirit to work and for Matt Hess and his team, along with the Rochester Youth Association, which HWC supports in these endeavors.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** –Sharifullah, a Christian Afghan artisan says, “We won’t let our hope be silenced. We will make sure the world hears the gospel through every breath we take. And we know you will help us by living the gospel, using your freedom and sharing Jesus with your neighbors. Please continue to stand with us.” (*Open Doors USA*). We pray for secret believers in Afghanistan still sharing their faith through crafts and hoping we do the same in many ways.

**BANDING TOGETHER** – Those interested in information about joining two or three others in discipleship groups can request more information from Pastor Paul Shea. [paulshea@hwchurch.org](mailto: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 Afghanis; for peace amid threats of war; for the North Collins Wesleyan Church (Pastor Jordan Kizewski).

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