

**Outdoor Worship Service  
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost  
October 17, 2021 at 8:45am**

Welcome

Songs of Adoration:

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus; This is Amazing Grace; I Know*

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.**

Celebration of Ministry: Operation Christmas Child

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 2:15-17: The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 3:1-7 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

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

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

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Knowing You*

Benediction

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Scripture Reader: Gabe Huizenga

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox, Jeff Babbitt, Betsy Webb, vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals; AC Taylor, cajón

Today's Children's Sermon opens at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday Morning: <https://youtu.be/U5IB4d6NCEQ>

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The goodness of God is evident in His wondrous gift of creation. At this time of year when the leaves are changing and the air is cooler, we rejoice in our creative God. On this day set aside for corporate worship, let us turn our full attention to Him and give thanks for every gift of His grace.

**HEAR FROM OUR MISSIONARIES!** Mark your calendar. Next Sunday, October 24, Kevin and Cindy Austin will visit our church. Plan on listening and learning at 9:45 a.m. in a joint session of Sunday School.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes continues this series of sermons that focus on Myths that Make Us. Next week's sermon is from Joshua 7, The Myth that Makes Us Marooned. 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.

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE:** Families, friends, and community members are invited to a Service of Remembrance for the children in our Church family who left us too soon, from the unborn and just born to adult children. Please join us at the church on Thursday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. for a time of song, Scripture, and memorial as we honor our children and their families. All are welcome. This celebration of life and acknowledgment of loss and grief is a part of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

**SERVICE OF PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION:** Thursday, October 28, 6:30pm: You are invited to the church sanctuary for a Service of Scripture, Silence and Prayer. Jeanie Little leads this time of contemplation.

**HARVEST TREAT BAG DRIVE-THROUGH INVITATION:** Saturday, October 30, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. You are invited to come to the church parking lot to receive a bag filled with treats. The Pastoral Staff will be dressed-up to give out the treat bags and to greet you as you drive through the parking lot. Children and youth are invited to dress-up as well or to decorate your vehicle.

**HARVEST TREAT BAG DRIVE-THROUGH DONATIONS:** Donations of candy, individual, pre-packaged pretzels, goldfish crackers, and gummy fruit snacks are great appreciated for filling the treat bags for the Harvest Drive-Through. Please drop your donation off in the container inside the door at the church office or you make bring them on Sunday mornings.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

- Children's Church this morning!
- **KIDS' CLUB** children grades 1-6 Wednesday in the Primary Assembly Rm

**STEWARDSHIP** Budget Needed: \$304,969.76 / Budget Received: \$273,401.07

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

**HWC KIDS:** This week in Sunday School, we're talking about how God answered Job and shows the big difference between what God can do and what humans are able to do because God sees the big picture. Everyone is invited to memorize our monthly verse with us: Job 37:5 - *God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding*. Kids, say your verse to three adults, then mark your accomplishment on the chart at the Welcome Desk to get a prize!

**WE HAVE OUR VERY OWN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BUILD-A-SHOEBOX PAGE!** Won't you join our church & our area friends and neighbors to help us reach our 100 online box goal? Online boxes help to deliver shoebox gifts containing culturally sensitive toys and gifts to hard-to-reach areas of the world. We can still pack our own shoeboxes and drop them off at the church before November 19th, or even leave individual gift items in the church bin for Houghton Academy students to pack up during their packing party the week before. Whatever way you and your family choose to send the love of God through Christ to the world, you will be blessed. You may contact [annmneill@hwchurch.org](mailto:annmneill@hwchurch.org) with questions.

**MISSION MOMENT** - Wycliffe missionaries Joel and Barb Trudell report that 28 workers in Cameroon and Kenya are racing to meet an end-of-October deadline to produce 400 children's books in 12 different languages. They request prayer for the teams as they work together to meet the deadline this month. WBT assists local education projects in attempts to spread the Good News as well.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Approximately 8% of majority-Muslim Guinea, W. Africa are Christians, including many evangelicals who are praying and hopeful that a September military overthrow of its third president since independence brings stability and peace to the country. Church leaders call for unity in the body of Christ and for God to work in the current transition. (*CT Daily Briefing*)

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Sith Sanasith (Souly's brother), 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 Orchard Park Wesleyan Church (Pastor Dan Jones).

### 'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise,  
just to know,  
"Thus saith the Lord."

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!**  
**How I've proved him**  
**o'er and o'er!**  
**Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!**  
**O for grace to trust him more!**

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just to trust his cleansing blood;  
just in simple faith to plunge me  
'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

#### *Chorus*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking  
life and rest, and joy and peace

#### *Chorus*

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend  
And I know that Thou are with me,  
Wilt be with me to the end.

#### *Chorus*

### 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*

### I Know

#### **Verse 1**

You don't answer all my questions  
But You hear me when I speak  
You don't keep my  
heart from breakin'  
But when it does  
You weep with me  
You're so close that I can feel You  
When I've lost the words to pray  
And though my eyes  
have never seen You  
I've seen enough to say

#### *Chorus*

**I know that You are good**  
**I know that You are kind**  
**I know that You are so much more**  
**Than what I leave behind**  
**I know that I am loved**  
**I know that I am safe**  
**Cause even in the fire**  
**to live is Christ**  
**To die is gain**  
**I know that You are good**

#### **Verse 2**

I don't understand the sorrow  
But You're calm within the storm  
Sometimes this weight is  
overwhelming  
But I don't carry it alone

You're still close  
when I can't feel You

I don't have to be afraid  
And though my eyes  
have never seen You  
I've seen enough to say

#### *Chorus*

### **Bridge**

On my darkest day  
From my deepest pain  
Through it all  
My heart will choose to sing Your  
praise  
(Repeat)

#### *Chorus*

### Knowing You

#### **Verse 1**

All I once held dear  
built my life upon  
All this world reveres  
and wars to own  
All I once thought gain  
I have counted loss  
Spent and worthless now  
compared to this

#### *Chorus*

**Knowing You Jesus**  
**knowing You**  
**There is no greater thing**  
**You're my all, nothing less**  
**You're my joy my righteousness**  
**And I love You Lord**

#### **Verse 2**

Now my heart's desire  
is to know You more  
To be found in You  
and known as Yours  
To possess by faith  
what I could not earn  
All surpassing gift of righteousness

#### *Chorus*

#### **Verse 3**

Oh to know the pow'r  
of Your risen life  
And to know You  
in Your sufferings  
To become like You  
in Your death my Lord  
So with You to live and never die

#### *Chorus*

# *Stewardship - A Life of Generosity*

Dave Briggs, a stewardship pastor in Arizona, makes some wonderful comments regarding the three words: stewardship, generosity and giving. He defines stewardship as a role, giving as an act and generosity as an attitude. At times using these three words interchangeably can confuse people.

stewardship = is a role / giving = is an act / generosity = is an attitude

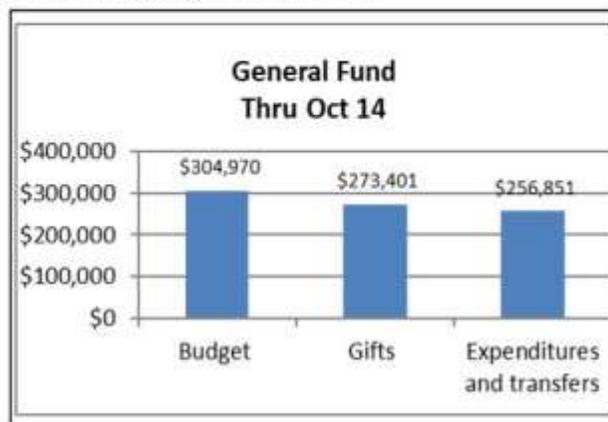
He states that in biblical times, a steward was a respected person of high integrity who was entrusted with the master's possessions. The steward managed the possessions in accordance with the master's wishes. Since God created and still owns all we have, stewardship is recognizing that God is the owner and we are his managers, responsible for using God's possessions to please him and to bring glory to him.

Generosity involves a willingness to sacrifice for the benefit of others.

Giving is merely the act of releasing something of value. Giving can be done without generosity (for example, the Pharisees), but you cannot be generous without giving. However, generosity is only one characteristic of a biblical steward.

The Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14–28 is a good example of both positive and negative stewardship, of people who risk what they have been given for the good of the master and his purposes and of people who because they fear losing what they have, grasp tightly and squander the opportunity to join the master and his good purposes.

In our role as stewards, we have the opportunity and privilege to give generously and to give generously for God's kingdom purposes. How have you been managing your resources?



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