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Outdoor Worship Service Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 24, 2021 at 8:45am

Welcome

Songs of Adoration:
Build Your Kingdom Here; Oh How Good it Is

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: Kevin and Cindy Austin

Scripture Reading: Joshua 7

At the victory of Jericho, the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted things; Achan took some of them. So the Lord's anger burned against Israel.

Joshua sent spies to Ai and when they returned, they said, "Send two or three thousand men to take it for only a few people live there." But when they did, they were routed, about thirty-six of men died and the hearts of the people melted in fear.

Joshua and the elders of Israel lamented before the Lord and cried out for an explanation.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Stand up! Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant. That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction. You cannot stand against your enemies until you remove them.

Early the next morning Joshua had Israel come forward by tribes, and Judah was chosen. The clans of Judah came forward, and the Zerahites were chosen. The Zerahites came forward by families, and Zimri was chosen. Zimri's family came forward man by man, and Achan was chosen.

Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the Lord. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me."

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

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

Song: ***Let us Consider***

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Christian Esh

Music Ministry Team:
Amanda Cox, Rachael McVeigh, Kristen Sanasith, vocals;
Dan Wartinger, guitar & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

Today's Children's Sermon opens at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday Morning: <https://youtu.be/iVgHMwspcy0>

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. God tells the prophet Jeremiah, “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know” (33:3). We worship today calling out to God, asking for Him to reveal the unsearchable richest of His grace. May God give us ears to hear.

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 Forgetful*. 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.

THURSDAY EVENING'S *LECTIO DIVINA* has been cancelled.

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 NEEDED BY MONDAY EVENING: 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 before Monday evening.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES:

- **CHILDREN’S CHURCH today! Children are dismissed during the greeting time.**
- **KIDS' CLUB** is a weekly Wednesday evening Bible Club for children in grades 1-6. We meet for fun from 6:15-7:30 in the Christian Education building. Kids enjoy singing, Bible learning, an activity, and a craft related to the night's lesson. Come to the welcome desk in the foyer to sign in. If your child isn't registered, [click on this link](#) to do so, recording in the Breeze platform their contact and safety information. Contact person is annmneill@hwchurch.org.

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$321,020.80 / Budget Received: \$289,327.43

CELEBRATE RECOVERY MEETS THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:00 p.m. in Room 105 across from the Library. All are welcome.

HWC KIDS: This week in Sunday School, we're talking about how God blessed Job in bigger ways than before and learning that no problem is too small (or big) for God. 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 with questions.

MISSION MOMENT - We welcome Kevin and Cindy Austin on home ministry from discipleship ministries in The Czech Republic. They’ve already traveled 12,000 miles to twelve states. We pray for continued safe travel and fruitful connections with supporters, friend and family. May God provide deeper and renewed contacts and spiritual growth with friends in Czech when they return.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Anti-extremism laws have given authorities in Russia tightened control over believers, churches and seminaries. Evangelical leaders are seeking ways to comply to recent amendments which require state-sponsored religious training for all leaders. Evangelical seminary president and Baptist Union leader, Peter Mitskevich says, “We want to work legally in Russia so we can focus on influencing Russia for the gospel.” We pray for wisdom for Christ’s followers.

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 Eliyah 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, for a safe end for the missionaries kidnapped in Haiti, for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees, particularly Afghans; for peace amid threats of war; for the Christ Chapel Wesleyan Church (Pastor Mike Leamon).

Build Your Kingdom Here

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives
for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

**Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Bring our passion back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray**

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength
and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

Chorus

Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is
when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
in faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace,
of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
here among us

**So with one voice
we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart
we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
the Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence
of His people**

Oh how good it is
on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength,
the afflicted find grace
When we offer the
blessing of belonging

Chorus

Oh how good it is
to embrace His command
To prefer one another,
forgive as He forgives
When we live as one,
we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
and the Spirit

Chorus

Let Us Consider

Verse 1

Nothing in all creation
can every separate us
From the love of our infinite God
And it's not that
we first loved Him,
but that He first chose to love us
Even as in sin and
darkness we trod
What shall we say
in response to this?
If God is for us,
who can be against us?
And He who has lavished
His love upon us
Has called us to love like He does

Chorus

**So let us consider
how we love one another
How we encourage each other
toward love and good deeds
For He who has promised,
our Father is faithful
By this all men will know
we love our Savior,
if we love each other too**

Verse 2

So shout to the highest heavens,
and sing with all the angels
in thanks and praise
for all He has done
As our Father's chosen people,
may we live within the promise
that through His holy
presence we're one
Serving each other
in word and in deed,
we know we shall find
that fellowship sweet
When we open our hearts
outside of ourselves
to do what He called us to do

Chorus

Bridge

Jesus has called us
to love like He does
To take up our cross,
to carry the lost
No greater love can ever be found
Than that we
should lay down our lives
That we could lay down our lives
That we would lay down our lives

Chorus

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