



Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021

11:00 Streaming Service

Prelude: Hymns Preludes on “A Mighty Fortress” (Johann Christoph Bach, Max Reger)

Call to Worship

God makes the sun to rise and set; He causes the summer and winter to come and go.

He is faithful from generation to generation.

God helps plants grow and flowers bloom;

He gives us food to eat, places to live, people to love us.

He is faithful from generation to generation.

God is always with us, always guiding us, keeping His promises to us.

He is faithful from generation to generation.

Let us praise and give thanks to our faithful God!

Alleluia, Amen!

Hymn of Praise 462: ***For All the Saints***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Anthem: *Enter Now This Place* (Jane Marshall)

Children’s Sermon: Emily Spateholts

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1: 14-19

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

Songs of Adoration: ***Remember; He’s Always Been Faithful***

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, our sin is ever before us— an unkind word, a jealous spirit, a harsh reply, a twisted truth, an apathetic response, an unrealistic expectation, a sinful choice. Set us free from the insecurities that drive us and forgive us for the self-centered ways in which we too often live. Let us hear once again your words of pardon, “In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.” Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: James 1: 16-18

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

Song: ***Speak, O Lord***

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

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Affirmation of our Christian Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

Hymn: ***A Mighty Fortress is Our God***

Benediction

Postlude: *Toccata in D minor* (J.S. Bach)

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Nico Seddio

Music Ministry Team:
Joanna Bates, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Grace Deitrick, keyboard & vocals;
Dan Wartinger, cajón

***The rose on the Pulpit celebrates the birth of Luke Marshall Ries
on September 6, 2021 to parents Larissa and Tim.***

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist calls us to praise God with all our might and with every instrument available to us. We worship today to offer the praise of our voices, hands, eyes and ears and to surrender all that we are the Almighty God who creates us and loves us.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes continues this series of sermons that focus on Myths that Make Us. Next week's sermon is from Ecclesiastes 4, *The Myth that Makes Us Empty*. Please join us for outdoor worship 8:45 a.m. and for indoor/streaming blended worship at 11:00 a.m. Plan to join our missionaries Kris and Cory Thede as they share up-to-date news from Haiti with us at 9:45 a.m. next Sunday, November 7. Adult and Youth classes will combine in the Community Room.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS next Sunday morning. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night.

BOB BROWN MEMORIAL SERVICE is this Saturday, November 6, 11:00 a.m. here at the church

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. 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.
- **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 annmcneill@hwchurch.org.
- **HWC KIDS:** This week, we're talking about how Job's friends might have been the biggest comfort when they sat with him in silence. Join us as we learn that "we can be a big help in small ways." 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!

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 . All are welcome.

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.

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$337,071.84 /Budget Received: \$301,844.59

MISSION MOMENT - As we pray for the recent missionary kidnapping situation in Haiti, note with gratitude that the Canaan Church and school near Port-au-Prince that HWC supported at Christmas several years ago, are faithfully open and serving their people in the very region where the kidnap gang operates. We pray for peace and safety for all.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Christians in captivity or prison for their faith often have opportunity to share the Good News with other prisoners and even their captors, just as Paul and others in the Bible. Thinking of Haiti and elsewhere we pray that Christians in many places will share Christ in loving and bold ways.

CLIMATE PRAYER VIGIL: On Saturday, November 6, Fillmore Wesleyan Church is hosting a Climate Prayer Vigil. As world leaders meet in Scotland for the UN climate conference, churches across the world will also be gathering to host prayer vigils for the challenges facing God's creation. At 6 p.m. on November 6 you are invited to Fillmore Wesleyan for a candlelight prayer and worship service asking for God's help in solving this global crisis. Contact Brian Webb for more information.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Guthrie Collins and his family at the death of his father this week for the family of Bob Brown (Memorial Service Saturday, 11:00am), for friends of Mary Boomhower who died this week (Memorial Service, November 13, 11:00am), and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Don Yeddo (Paul Rowley's step-father), John Knapp (Eli's father), Howard Berry (Donnie Stockin's brother), Andy Mikolajczyk (Mary Lingenfelter's brother), 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 affected 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 Fellowship Wesleyan Church, West Seneca (Pastor David Schutte).