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Outdoor Worship Service Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost October 31, 2021 at 8:45am

Welcome & Call to Worship

Songs of Adoration: *Remember; He's Always Been Faithful; Speak, O Lord*

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.**

Scripture Readings: Genesis 1:14-19; James 1:16-18

Genesis 1:14–19 (NIV): 14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. 16 God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, 18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.

19 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

James 1:16–18 (NIV): 16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. 17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

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

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Affirmation of our Christian Faith: **The Apostles' Creed**

Song: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Pastor Paul Shea

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox, Joanna Bates, Grace Deitrick, vocals;
Alison Young Reusser, guitar & 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.*

Today's Children's Sermon opens at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday Morning: <https://youtu.be/bXnI0IOUlw>

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31

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:

- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY!** Children are dismissed during the greeting time.
- **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!
- **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: \$337,071.84 Budget Received: \$301,844.59

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 this week. 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.

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 Oden'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).

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!

Remember

My heart hangs
on every word that You speak
I need You Lord come find me
Holy Spirit breathe
I've been walking through deserts
I need more of Your presence
I'm weak Savior be my strength

**Down in the valley
when waters rise
I'm still believing hope is alive
All through the struggle
and darkest day
I'll remember the empty grave**

Your touch bringing me closer
Your hand healing what's broken
My prayer Father meet me here
My life for all of Your glory
Your grace let it surround me
Let faith change the atmosphere

Chorus

Hallelujah death is done
All of hell is overcome
Jesus You are alive
Hallelujah death is done
All of hell is overcome
Oh my Jesus You are alive (Repeat)

Chorus

He's Always Been Faithful

Morning by morning
I wake up to find
The power and comfort
of God's hand in mine

Season by season
I watch Him amazed
In awe of the myst'ry
of His perfect ways
All I have need of
His hand will provide
He's always been faithful to me

I can't remember a trial or a pain
He did not recycle
to bring me gain
I can't remember one single regret
In serving God only
and trusting His hand
All I have need of
His hand will provide
He's always been faithful to me

This is my anthem; this is my song
The theme of the stories
I've heard for so long
God has been faithful
He will be again
His loving compassion
it knows no end
All I have need of
His hand will provide
He's always been faithful
He's always been faithful
He's always been faithful to me

Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food
of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us
in Your likeness
That the light of Christ
might be seen today
In our acts of love
and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise;
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights
of Your plans for us

Truths unchanged
from the dawn of time
That will echo down
through eternity
And by grace we'll stand
on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk
as You walk with us
Speak O Lord
till Your church is built
And the earth is filled
with Your glory

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right man on our side
The man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

And though this world
With devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear
For God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

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