

**Outdoor Worship Service**  
**– Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost –**  
**November 7, 2021 at 8:45am**

Welcome

Songs of Adoration:  
*Christ is Risen; Kyrie Eleison*

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: Kris and Cory Thede

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 9:1-4, 11

**1**So I reflected on all this and concluded that the righteous and the wise and what they do are in God's hands, but no one knows whether love or hate awaits them. **2**All share a common destiny—the righteous and the wicked, the good and the bad, the clean and the unclean, those who offer sacrifices and those who do not. As it is with the good, so with the sinful; as it is with those who take oaths, so with those who are afraid to take them. **3**This is the evil in everything that happens under the sun: The same destiny overtakes all. The hearts of people, moreover, are full of evil and there is madness in their hearts while they live, and afterward they join the dead. **4**Anyone who is among the living has hope—even a live dog is better off than a dead lion!

**11**I have seen something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all.

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

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

Song: *Goodness of God*

Benediction

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Scripture Reader: Pastor Jon Cole

Music Ministry Team:  
Emily Quick, vocals; Linette Taylor, guitar & vocals;  
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Meghan Taylor, cello; Dan Zambrano, cajón

**Children's Sermon this week is on CHOICES! [https://youtu.be/tl1t\\_DfcVZ8](https://youtu.be/tl1t_DfcVZ8)**  
**(available after 8:00 a.m. Sunday)**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** As we worship today, we praise God for who he is and we give thanks to God for all that he has done for us and for this world. May our worship enable us to open our hearts and lives to all that he desires to say to us and do in us.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes continues this series of sermons that focus on Myths that Make Us. Next week's sermon is from Psalm 17, *The Myth that Makes Us Ungrateful*. 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.

**MARY BOOMHOWER MEMORIAL SERVICE** is this Saturday, November 13, 11:00 a.m. here at the church.

### 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 [annmceill@hwchurch.org](mailto:annmceill@hwchurch.org).
- **HWC KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We are serving up a new series, Plate It, this month! Kids will be studying the Old Testament prophets and getting a glimpse of how to prepare a loving relationship with God. This week, through the story of Elijah and the widow at Zarephath, we learn that step one is to trust God. For more information, visit this link: <https://growcurriculum.org/kidsseries-plateit/>. Join us in memorizing this month's Scripture - Ephesians 2:10 - For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP** Budget Needed: \$353,122.88 /Budget Received: \$315,025.03

**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 [annmceill@hwchurch.org](mailto:annmceill@hwchurch.org) with questions.

**MISSION MOMENT** - It's a privilege to welcome Cory and Kris Thede and son, Fritzlin to HWC today as they bring an up-to-date report on the nation and the church in Haiti. The Thedes have served in medicine, agriculture, and discipleship and church work with Global Partners for 28 years. We pray with them for stability, peace, and the rule of Christ's Kingdom in this place of so much turmoil.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Today is International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. We attempt to remember our oppressed brothers and sisters every Sunday, not just once a year. But it is heartwarming that millions join us in prayer today that God will protect His people and make them faithful witnesses for Him in spite of many levels of suffering.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for the friends and family of Bob Brown, Diana Hanna (Priscilla Beardsley's sister), Mary Boomhower (Memorial Service, November 13, 11:00am) and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Gus Prinsell, 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, for peace amid threats of war; for the Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church, Williamsville (Pastor Pat Jones).

# Cory & Kris Thede Missionaries to Haiti



**Adult & Youth Combined Sunday School  
9:45-10:45 in the Community Room**

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### **Christ Is Risen**

Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us  
Freely You've bled for us

**Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with Him again  
Come awake come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave**

Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign  
Forever let Your church proclaim

### ***Chorus***

O death where is your sting  
O hell where is your victory  
O church come stand in the light  
The glory of God has  
defeated the night  
(Repeat)

### ***Chorus***

### **Kvrie Eleison**

#### **Verse 1**

For the things we've done  
and left undone  
For the ways we've wandered  
from Your heart  
Forgive us we pray,  
Forgive us we pray

For the idols we put  
on Your throne  
For the loves we choose  
above Your own  
Forgive us we pray,  
Forgive us we pray

### ***Chorus***

**Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us, on us  
Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us, on us**

#### **Verse 2**

For the lies that we  
clutch to our chests  
For the fear that  
wants to steal our breath  
Forgive us we pray,  
and give us Your grace

### ***Chorus***

#### **Bridge**

Forgiving God,  
Forgiving us (Sing 4x)

### ***Chorus***

### **Goodness of God**

I love You Lord,  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

**All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have  
been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God**

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

**All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have  
been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God**

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

**All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have  
been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God**