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**Outdoor Worship Service**  
– **Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost** –  
**November 14, 2021 at 8:45am**

Welcome

Songs of Adoration: *Open Up the Heavens; Death Was Arrested; Is He Worthy?*

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: Youth

Scripture Reading: Psalm 17:1-15

**1** Hear me, LORD, my plea is just; listen to my cry. Hear my prayer—it does not rise from deceitful lips. **2** Let my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right. **3** Though you probe my heart, though you examine me at night and test me, you will find that I have planned no evil; my mouth has not transgressed. **4** Though people tried to bribe me, I have kept myself from the ways of the violent through what your lips have commanded. **5** My steps have held to your paths; my feet have not stumbled. **6** I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. **7** Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes. **8** Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings **9** from the wicked who are out to destroy me, from my mortal enemies who surround me. **10** They close up their callous hearts, and their mouths speak with arrogance. **11** They have tracked me down, they now surround me, with eyes alert, to throw me to the ground. **12** They are like a lion hungry for prey, like a fierce lion crouching in cover. **13** Rise up, LORD, confront them, bring them down; with your sword rescue me from the wicked. **14** By your hand save me from such people, LORD, from those of this world whose reward is in this life. May what you have stored up for the wicked fill their bellies; may their children gorge themselves on it, and may there be leftovers for their little ones. **15** As for me, I will be vindicated and will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.

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

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

Song: *There's a Wideness/Good to Me*

Benediction

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Scripture Reader: Warren Torraca

Music Ministry Team:  
Amanda Cox, Collin Zehr, Betsy Webb, vocals;  
Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

**Children's Sermon this week is on God's Recipe! <https://youtu.be/zd7Q2QPHDoE>**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Our nation and world are dealing with difficult times. We engage in worship to remember that God is present in the struggles and that God is greater than the struggles. During our time of worship today, may God give us grace to feel him near, grace to hear him speak and grace to see him at work.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes concludes this series of sermons that focus on Myths that Make Us. Next week's sermon is from Luke 10, *The Myth that Makes Us Tired*. 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.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

- No Children's Church Today
- **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](mailto:annmcneill@hwchurch.org).
- **HWC KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Join us this week for the second portion of the "Plate It" Sunday School series as we read the story of Hannah and see what can happen when we "**Step Two: Talk To God!**" 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.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 6:30 P.M. JOY TO THE WORLD!** *An Organ Meditation on the works of Isaac Watts.* We will be invited to worship together as we reflect on the life and works of Isaac Watts, hear scripture that inspired his hymn texts, hear organ and choral music based on his hymns. If you love singing hymns with organ, this service is for you.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY MEETS THURSDAY EVENINGS** 7:00pm, Room 105

**STEWARDSHIP** Budget Needed: \$369,173.92 / Budget Received: \$326,547.25

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

- **WE CAN STILL PACK OUR OWN SHOEBOXES** and drop them off at the church before noon on Saturday, November 19th. Whatever way you and your family choose to send the love of God through Christ to the world, you will be blessed. A donation of \$9 per box is critical to cover shipping costs. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse with a note in the memo line that the donation is for Operation Christmas Child. You may contact [annmcneill@hwchurch.org](mailto:annmcneill@hwchurch.org) with questions.
- **WE HAVE OUR VERY OWN OCC 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.

**MISSION MOMENT** - Let us uphold WNYers, Chris and Melissa George in western Australia. They always ask for prayer for those they are discipling and the community they share Christ with. But we also pray for Chris' ongoing severe eye problems and for the whole family including Makayla (off to college next year), Dawson (with health concerns), and Brayden. (Look them up in your HWC Partner Directory.)

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Churches have provided places of refuge to people fleeing violence in the military crackdown in Myanmar, but recently Christians in Chin State and elsewhere report extreme attacks that include shelling churches, detaining pastors and using churches as military bases. In September, 31 year old Baptist Pastor Cung Biak Hum was killed and mutilated when he tried to put out fires caused by military shelling. We care, we weep, we pray.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for friends and family of Mary Boomhower and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Ted Norton, 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 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, for peace amid threats of war; for the Resurgence City Church, Buffalo (Pastor Elijah Shamenda).

## STEWARDSHIP—A Life of Generosity

November is a time when our thoughts turn to giving thanks. How do we express our thankfulness? An appreciative note? . . . a token gift? . . . a kind word?

The Thanksgiving season is a time to reflect on God's grace to us as a body and as individuals. We have much to be thankful for. Every good thing is a gift from God. We can show gratitude to God by being openly obedient to the message of Christ. And, because of God's extravagant giving to us, we feel free to give to others. One way God uses us to bless others is through our giving to the church.

Among many other things, giving to Houghton Wesleyan Church helps young people know about God's love and promises through the children's and youth ministries; the Food Pantry provides nourishing food for families in need; the music ministry team helps us worship with relevant songs and beautiful music; the missions ministry provides ongoing support and encouragement for missionaries; and the technology crew keeps Sunday services, and other programs available through streaming for our church community and beyond.

Thank you for enabling all these things through your faithful support.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7.



## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 21

On Sunday, November 21, we will collect food for the Food Pantry at both services. To help us run the food pantry more efficiently and due to space limitations, please limit your donations to the items on the following list when shopping.

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|---|--------------------|---------------------------|
| -Pasta  | -Spaghetti sauce*  | -Macaroni & cheese        |
| -Canned tuna  | -Canned chicken    | -Ramen noodles            |
| -Baked beans  | -Canned chili      | -Canned beef stew         |
| -Soup   | -Boxed rice        | -Boxed oatmeal packets    |
| -Canned fruit*  | -Canned vegetables | -Peanut butter*           |
| -Cereal   | -Jelly or jam*     | -Jarred applesauce        |
| -Syrup*   | -Granola bars      | -Boxed pancake mix        |
| -Canned pasta (Spaghettios, Ravioli)                      |                    | -Boxed potato mixes       |
| -Helpers (Hamburger, Tuna, Chicken)                       |                    | -Fruit juices/juice boxes |
| -Snacks (cookies, crackers, jello, pudding, fruit snacks) |                    |                           |

\*An item with an asterisks donates a traditionally high need item.

\*\*Due to health and safety concerns, we do not accept opened items or home-baked goods.

\*\*\*We can also use your recycled plastic shopping bags if you would like to donate them.

NOTE: Monetary Donations (checks to Houghton Wesleyan Church with "FOOD PANTRY" on the Memo Line) provide fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, eggs, cheese, and milk, as well as emergency groceries for families in our community. The Food Pantry has a refrigerator and a freezer to store items. NOTE: Perishable Pantry Donations may be brought to the church office throughout the year. Thank you for your continued donations!

### **Open up the Heavens**

We've waited for this day  
We're gathered in Your Name  
Calling out to You  
Your glory like a fire awakening desire  
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here  
You're the reason we're singing

**Open up the heavens  
we want to see You**

**Open up the floodgates  
a mighty river**

**Flowing from Your heart  
Filling every part of our praise**

Your presence in this place  
Your glory on our face  
We're looking to the sky  
Descending like a cloud  
You're standing with us now  
Lord unveil our eyes

You're the reason we're here  
You're the reason we're singing

#### ***Chorus***

Show us show us Your glory  
Show us show us Your power  
Show us show us Your glory Lord

#### ***Chorus***

### **Death Was Arrested**

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin  
Lost without hope  
with no place to begin  
Your love made a way  
to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested  
and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet  
my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested  
and my life began

**Oh Your grace so free  
washes over me  
You have made me new  
now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love  
pouring down on us  
You have made us new  
now life begins with You**

Released from my chains  
I'm a pris'ner no more  
My shame was a ransom  
He faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt

and He called me His friend  
When death was arrested  
and my life began

#### ***Chorus***

Our Savior displayed  
on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced  
as though Heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose  
with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested  
and my life began

#### ***Chorus***

Oh we're free, free, forever we're free  
Come join the song of all the redeemed  
Yes we're free, free, forever amen  
When death was arrested  
and my life began

### **Is He Worthy**

Do you feel the world is broken?  
We do.

Do you feel the shadows deepen?  
We do.

But do you know that all the dark  
won't stop the light from getting  
through? We do.

Do you wish that you could see it  
all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.  
Is a new creation coming? It is.  
Is the glory of the Lord to be  
the light within our midst? It is.  
Is it good that we remind  
ourselves of this? It is.

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal  
and open the scroll?**

**The Lion of Judah  
who conquered the grave  
He is David's Root  
And the Lamb who died  
to ransom the slave**

**Is He worthy? Is He worthy  
Of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? He is**

Does the Father truly love us? He does.  
Does the Spirit move among us?  
He does.  
And does Jesus our Messiah hold  
forever those He loves? He does.  
Does our God intend  
to dwell again with us? He does.

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal  
and open the scroll?**

**The Lion of Judah  
who conquered the grave  
He is David's Root  
And the Lamb who died  
to ransom the slave**

**From ev'ry people and tribe  
every nation and tongue  
He has made us  
a kingdom and priests  
to God to reign with the Son  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy  
Of all blessing and honor and glory?**

**Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Is He worthy of this? He is! He is!  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
He is! He is!  
He is worthy! He is worthy! He is!**

### **There's a Wideness/Good To Me**

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in His justice,  
which is more than liberty

For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind

But we make His love too narrow  
by false limits of our own,  
and we magnify His strictness  
with a zeal He will not own

I put all my hope  
In the truth of Your promise  
And I steady my heart  
On the ground of Your goodness  
When I'm bowed down with sorrow  
I will lift up Your name  
And the foxes in the vineyard  
Will not steal my joy

**Because You are good to me  
good to me  
You are good to me, good to me  
You are good to me**

And I lift my eyes to the hills  
where my help is found  
And Your voice fills the night  
Raise my head up to hear the sound  
And when fires burn all around me  
I will praise You my God  
And the foxes in the vineyard  
Will not steal my joy

#### ***Chorus***

Your goodness and mercy  
Shall follow me all my life  
I trust in Your promise (Sing 3x)

#### ***Chorus***