

# LISTEN AT 106.9 FM

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## Early Worship Service Third Sunday after Epiphany January 23, 2022 at 8:45am

Welcome

Songs of Adoration: *Build Your Kingdom Here; King of Kings; Graves into Gardens*

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: Missions Sunday

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" 15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." 16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ' "

20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you.

Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' 21 "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

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

Sermon: **The Vocation of Generosity**

Priceless Parables: The Joy of Living Generously, III

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Build My Life*

Benediction

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Scripture Reader: Patty Stalker

Acolyte: Brooklyn Templeton

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox, Grace Deitrick, Betsy Webb; vocals;  
Linette Taylor, guitar & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

Children's Sermon—Experience God: <https://youtu.be/sUx5lqxUVd8>

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Life is a maze of ups and downs, of joys and sorrows. In the midst of our lives, we live with confidence that Jesus is Lord and that this truth is the bedrock of how we live. In our worship today, may God open our eyes to the power and grace of Jesus for us and for the whole world.

**SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP** meets at 5:00 pm this week!

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** we will gather for worship outdoors at 8:45 a.m. (we will communicate if the weather causes us to move indoors) and indoors/streaming at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Wes will preach about *The Joy of Generosity for Others* from Matthew 20.

**KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL** continues today. Join us in person at 9:45; you may access the digital materials any time. This week in our "day at the museum", kids experience the story of Jesus teaching in the synagogue to learn that the Bible shows us how to experience God.

**STEWARDSHIP**      **Budget Needed:** \$529,684.32 / **Budget Received:** \$497,210.80

**MISSIONARY MOMENT:** Chris and Melissa George, in Australia, request urgent prayers for brothers and sisters in Tonga after the recent eruption and tsunami. There are many Wesleyan Tongans in Australia who are concerned for family members' safety, health and access to clean water. May God help those bring relief to that nation.

**THE PERSECUTED CHURCH:** A Christian member of the Finnish Parliament, Päivi Räsänen, is facing trial this week on three charges of "hate speech" for sharing her Christian beliefs. We join in prayers that God's kingdom would be lifted up in the lives of his people and in the court decision. (Globalreligiousfreedom.org)

**BANDING TOGETHER BOOKLETS AND GROUPS**—Groups are moving into the new year with renewed desire to study and apply the Word of God and pray for one another. New booklets are available and new groups may begin. Those seeking this kind of discipleship or other small-groups are encouraged to contact Pastor Paul.

**KIDS CLUB** meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Parents can enroll their children by emailing [AnnMcNeill@hwchurch.org](mailto:AnnMcNeill@hwchurch.org) so preparation can begin for the children who will attend. We will continue to explore the pivotal events in the Bible through the Jesus Storybook Bible, rejoicing in the great rescue that Our Savior accomplished for us!

**VPS STONE SOUP DINNER:** Come pick up some warm soup for supper on a winter evening while supporting Valley Preschool through this donation dinner.

Date – Friday, January 28, 2022

Time – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Place – Houghton Wesleyan Church

(north side of the C.E. Building under the outdoor "overhang")

Food – Stone Soup (beef soup or vegetable soup)

Take-out or delivery!

To order ahead, please contact Casda Danner at [casdadanner@hwchurch.org](mailto:casdadanner@hwchurch.org) or order online at <https://tinyurl.com/vpsstonesoup>. Consider ordering extra to be put in the food pantry.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for the family and friends of Harold Grant who died this week (Visitation, Friday, 5-8pm, Kopley-Williams Funeral Home; Service, Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Church Sanctuary) and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Patty Plaza (Alejandra Koch's sister), Karen Gaerte, Bill Getty, Don Yeddo (Paul Rowley's step-father), Howard Berry (Donnie Stockin's brother), Andy Mikolajczyk (Mary Lingenfelter's brother), Sith Sanasith (Souly's brother), Denise Zambrano, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Lenore Paige, Gary Heil (Janet Stegen's brother), Sarah Gurley, Grace Taylor, 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), Dan Gurley, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair; for all dealing with tragedies and disasters; for all effected by the coronavirus, for refugees, for peace amid threats of war; for the Higgins Wesleyan Church (Pastor Bruce Smith).

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## **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*

## **King of Kings**

### **Verse 1**

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
to a cradle in the dirt

## **Praise the Father**

### **Praise the Son**

### **Praise the Spirit three in one**

### **God of Glory, Majesty**

### **Praise forever to the King of kings**

### **Verse 2**

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus, for our sake You died

### *Chorus*

### **Verse 3**

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

### **Verse 4**

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ,  
Who has resurrected me

### *Chorus*

## **Graves into Gardens**

### **Verse 1**

I searched the world  
but it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise  
and treasures that fade  
Are never enough  
Then You came along  
and put me back together  
And every desire is now satisfied  
here in Your love

### *Chorus*

**Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You**

## **Verse 2**

I'm not afraid  
to show You my weakness  
My failures and flaws  
Lord You've seen them all  
And You still call me friend  
'Cause the God of the mountain  
Is the God of the valley  
And there's not a place  
Your mercy and grace  
won't find me again

### *Chorus*

### **Bridge**

You turn mourning to dancing  
You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory  
You're the only one who can  
You turn graves into gardens  
You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways  
You're the only one who can

### *Chorus*

## **Build My Life**

### **Verse 1**

Worthy of ev'ry song  
we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise  
we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath  
we could ever breathe  
We live for You

### **Verse 2**

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath  
we could ever breathe  
We live for You, We live for You

**Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love  
to those around me**

### **Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus**

### **Bridge**

I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken

### *Chorus*