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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

8:30 OUTDOOR SERVICE

Welcome

Songs of Adoration:

***Great is Thy Faithfulness; King of Kings; Faithful Now***

(words for the songs are on the back of the bulletin)

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: College Ministries

Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:1-14

When human beings began to increase in number on the earth<sup>a</sup> and daughters were born to them,<sup>2</sup> the sons of God<sup>f</sup> saw that the daughters<sup>s</sup> of humans were beautiful,<sup>t</sup> and they married<sup>u</sup> any of them they chose.<sup>3</sup> Then the LORD said, "My Spirit<sup>v</sup> will not contend with<sup>a</sup> humans forever,<sup>w</sup> for they are mortal<sup>b,x</sup>; their days will be a hundred and twenty years."

<sup>4</sup> The Nephilim<sup>y</sup> were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans<sup>z</sup> and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>5</sup> The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth,<sup>b</sup> and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.<sup>c</sup> <sup>6</sup> The LORD regretted<sup>d</sup> that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. <sup>7</sup> So the LORD said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth<sup>e</sup> the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.<sup>f</sup>" <sup>8</sup> But Noah<sup>g</sup> found favor in the eyes of the LORD.<sup>h</sup>

<sup>9</sup> This is the account<sup>i</sup> of Noah and his family.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless<sup>j</sup> among the people of his time,<sup>k</sup> and he walked faithfully with God.<sup>l</sup> <sup>10</sup> Noah had three sons: Shem,<sup>m</sup> Ham and Japheth.<sup>n</sup>

<sup>11</sup> Now the earth was corrupt<sup>o</sup> in God's sight and was full of violence.<sup>p</sup> <sup>12</sup> God saw how corrupt<sup>q</sup> the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.<sup>r</sup> <sup>13</sup> So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy<sup>s</sup> both them and the earth.<sup>t</sup>" <sup>14</sup> So make yourself an ark of cypress<sup>u</sup> wood;<sup>v</sup> make rooms in it and coat it with pitch<sup>v</sup> inside and out.

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

Children ages Preschool to 1st Grade can go to Children's Church

Sermon: **God Creates People to Live in Peace**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Behold Our God***

Benediction

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Scripture Reader: Pastor Jon Cole

Music Ministry Team:

Evie Cox, Mike Cox, Kristen Sanasith, vocals; Caleb Hilsher, guitar;  
Dianna Clem, flute; Amanda Cox, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

Children's Sermon, ***The Prophets***, available at 8 a.m. on Sunday morning at <https://youtu.be/HXF5HFb90K8>

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The Psalmist proclaims, “The Lord is great...and he is high above all the people...Exalt the Lord our God, and worship...for the Lord our God is holy” (Psalm 99: 2, 9). We worship today to acknowledge that God is great and holy, that we are his people and that we owe our lives to him. Through music, prayer, the reading of Scripture, and the spoken word we have an opportunity to experience the grace of God in Christ.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes continues leading us to think about the story of Noah. Next week’s sermon is from Genesis 6-9 addressing God Designs Creation to be a Place of Peace. Please join us for outdoor worship 8:30 a.m. and for indoor/streaming blended worship at 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour begins at 9:45 a.m.

**CONNECTING:** If you are not currently receiving either a text or email for Pastor Wes’s weekly letter and brief weekly video chat, please contact the church office (567-2264/office@hwchurch.org) and we will update your information.

**ALL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:** Join us for a great time this afternoon @ 3:30 pm on the hill across from the Houghton nursing home for the BLUE FOAM Slip-and-Slide. (Never experienced blue foam fun? See pictures on the college ministry website!)

**THE WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will begin on Wednesday, September 14 at 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Good Shepherd Room (under the sanctuary). This first session will be a time of getting acquainted, introducing the study and having a time of prayer. We will be studying II Timothy, using Melanie Newton's easy to follow study guide. Since we don't have a permanent leader, each member will participate in facilitating sessions throughout the year. If you are interested, please come join us.

**ALL WOMEN**-plan to join us for a fall women’s gathering titled, “A Life of Love and Purpose,” featuring our own Carolyn Miller. **Join us on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** for food, fun, fellowship, and inspiration. You don’t want to miss it!

**STEWARDSHIP** Budget Needed: \$208,663.52 / Budget Received: \$168,474.08

**MISSION MOMENT** – We lift up in prayer Breanna Smithley, our missionary to Bolton (greater Manchester) UK serving with TLG (Transforming Lives for Good). She teaches students struggling with trauma and other adverse childhood experiences. She is able to share the love of Jesus and connect youth to local churches.

#### **HWC KIDS:**

- **HWC Kids in September:** If you’ve ever gotten a little emotional during your favorite Disney or Pixar movie, you know animation is a powerful tool to not only tell big stories, but to make us feel big feelings, too! In this four-week series, we’ll look at some stories of the Old Testament prophets as we explore some of those feelings. These stories will remind kids that God cares about our big feelings. With God, we can all feel secure, comforted, valued, and loved, even when our emotions tell us otherwise.
- **September memory verse:** “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.” — Romans 15:13a (NIV)
- **This week in HWC Kids:** This week, kids hear about Jeremiah and the message he received at the potter’s house. **BIG IDEA:** Because of God, I can feel secure. **BIBLE:** Jeremiah 18:1–11; Psalm 139:1–14
- **Valley Preschool** still has open spots for kids ages 2-5 for this fall. VPS meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:00-11:45am (with Tuesday/Thursday an option with enough interest). If your child is attending public school pre-k in the afternoon, you could have all day coverage! Email kidsmin@hwchurch.org for more information or to sign up today!

#### **MEETING THIS WEEK**

Wednesday Prayer Group, Room 105, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery, Good Shepherd Room, Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Two weeks ago Iranian Christians Homayoun Zhaveh, 63, and his wife, Sara Ahmadi, 44, were taken into custody at the dreaded Evin prison – detained with no explanation This is the latest in more than three years of legal battles over leading a house church. Zhaveh suffers advanced stage Parkinson’s Disease.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Terry Ayers, Mark Getzin, Kathy Breuer, Scarlett Gildemeister, Elly Plaza (Alejandra Koch’s sister), Kim Pegula, Mim Case, Grace Taylor, Jennifer Brown, Karen Gaerte, Bill Getty, Don Yeddo (Paul Rowley’s step-father), 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, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore’s father), Mark Mayhle (Doug’s brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Dan Gurley, Emily Crikelair; for all dealing with tragedies and disasters including the recent shootings in Buffalo and other places; for refugees throughout the world; for protection, wisdom and peace in Ukraine; for a Chinese pastor who has been detained by the police since December 26; for Nunda United Methodist Church (Pastor Ann Robinson).

# HWC Kids Connect!



During the 9:45 am adult discipleship hour, **kids connect with Jesus**, with the church, and with one another in engaging classes for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades.

Parents are encouraged to stay for our new "Coffee & Connections" fellowship time or join any of the other Discipleship Hour options. (see list on other side)



Nursery for ages 0-2 years is available during HWC Kids Connect time and the 8:30am worship service. In addition, Children's Church takes place for preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> grade during the sermon time at the 8:30am service.

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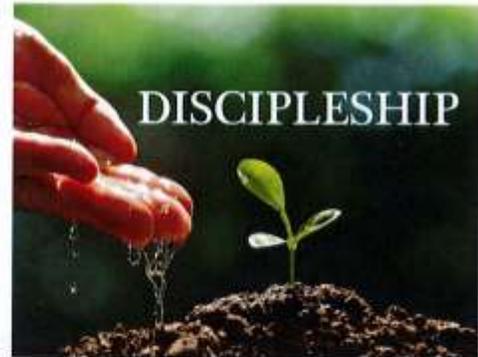
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Here at Houghton Church we long for everyone to discover the joys and blessings of discipleship. We encourage you to pair with your Sunday morning worship attendance one (or more!) of the numerous HWC opportunities for spiritual growth.

### *Which fits you best?*

Which of these most inspires you and matches your gifts, needs, and schedule? To which might the Spirit be calling you?

#### **Discipleship Hour** (Sundays @ 9:45am)

Study of 1 John (P. Young), Reconciliation Lab (M. Jordan), Youth (J. Cole), Parents' Coffee & Connection (E. Spateholts), University Fellowship (K. Koehler), Moms That Pray (S. Johnson)

#### **Small Group** (weekly or bi-weekly, varied times)

Typically 8-15 people gathered for one or more emphases: Bible study, accountability, prayer, fellowship. Currently eight different groups; new groups always welcome.

#### **Banding Group** (weekly, varied times)

Women's or men's groups of 3 or 4. Each gathering focuses on the week's interactive Bible reading, accountability, prayer, and a desire to disciple others.

#### **Mentoring** (weekly or bi-weekly, varied times)

1-on-1 pairings of participants at differing life stages in their Christian faith. Spiritual growth for both mentee and mentor!

#### **Koinonia** (Sundays @ 7 pm, Wesley Chapel)

Devotional and worship time led by Houghton University students for students and the community.

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FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/HoughtonWesleyanChurch>

## Great is Thy Faithfulness

### Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness,  
O God, my Father;  
There is no shadow  
of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou has been,  
Thou forever wilt be.

**Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning  
new mercies I see.  
All I have needed,  
Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me.**

### Verse 2

Summer and winter  
and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars  
in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold  
witness to Thy great faithfulness,  
mercy, and love.

### *Chorus*

### Verse 3

Pardon for sin,  
and a peace that endureth;  
Thy own dear presence  
to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today,  
and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine  
with ten thousand beside!

### *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 fulfill the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
to a cradle in the dirt

### *Chorus*

**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*

## Faithful Now

### Verse 1

I am holding on to faith  
'Cause I know You'll make a way  
And I don't always understand  
And I don't always get to see  
But I will believe it, I will believe it

### *Chorus*

**You make mountains move  
You make giants fall  
And You use songs of praise  
To shake prison walls  
And I will speak to my fear  
I will preach to my doubt  
That You were faithful then  
You'll be faithful now**

### Verse 2

I am standing on Your Word  
I'm calling heaven down to earth  
And You will fight my enemies  
And this will end in victory  
And I will believe it  
Yes I will believe it

### *Chorus*

### Bridge (sing 2x)

And I know that I know  
You never fail  
Yes I know that I know  
You never will

### *Chorus*

## Behold Our God

### Verse 1

Who has held  
the oceans in His hands  
Who has numbered  
every grain of sand  
Kings and nations  
tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

### *Chorus*

**Behold our God  
seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King  
nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him**

### Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of His words  
Who can teach  
the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom  
all His wondrous deeds

### *Chorus*

### Verse 3

Who has felt  
the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

### *Chorus*

### Bridge

Men: You will reign forever  
Women: Let Your glory fill the earth  
(Sing 6x)

### *Chorus*