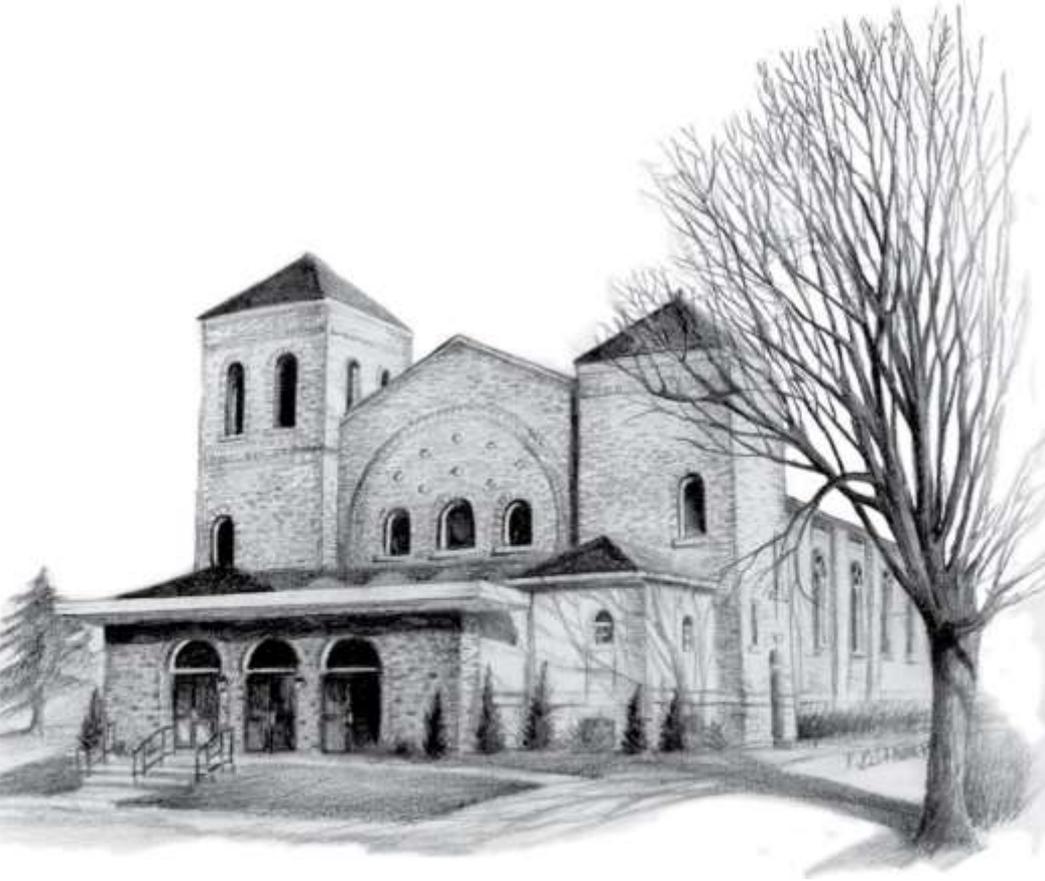




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WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

11:00 SERVICE

Prelude: *Prelude on "Wondrous Love"* (C. Phillips)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, my soul. Lord our God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

***The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment;
he stretches out the heavens like a tent***

and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.

He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.

He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.

How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

***There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number –
living things both large and small.***

I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

May our meditation be pleasing to him, as we rejoice in the Lord.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

Praise the Lord!

Hymn of Praise 65: ***This is My Father's World***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: HWC Kids and Back-to-School Blessing

Songs of Adoration:

May the Peoples Praise You; Death Was Arrested; Indescribable

Time of Prayer

Please feel free sit, stand, or kneel as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 6: 17-22; 7: 6-9

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

Hymn 33: ***For the Beauty of the Earth***

Sermon: **God Designs Creation to Be a Place of Peace**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Creation Sings the Father's Song***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Grayson Cox Scripture Reader: Ken Bates

Music Ministry Team:

Grace Deitrick, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;

Cody Johnson, keyboard & vocals;

Dan Zambrano, cello; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Nico Seddio, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist proclaims: “Blessed is the one who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in His commands” (112:1). We are worship today because we want to delight in God whose commands are given out of His heart of love. We pray that you experience the joy of God as we worship together even though we are distant.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes continues leading through the story of Noah in Genesis 6-9. Next week’s sermon addresses *God Provides the Means to Preserve the Hope 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 and KidsMin Connect for all ages is at 9:45 a.m.

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.

HWC KIDS

- ◆ **HWC Kids Connect** for all ages starts this Sunday at 9:45am!! Ages 3/4 and 6th grade can go directly to their classrooms. Grades K-5th will begin in the Primary Assembly room.
- ◆ Parents, after you drop off your kids, we invite you to stay and enjoy "**Coffee & Connections**", an informal time during the Discipleship Hour for connecting with other parents.
- ◆ This week in HWC Kids Connect, kids hear about how Jonah got swallowed up by a big fish when he tried to run away from God. **BIG IDEA:** God loves me even when I feel ashamed. **BIBLE:** Jonah 1:17-2:10

PRAYER BINDER WORKSHOP—October 1 from 10:00 a.m. to noon for all ages in the Good Shepherd Room beneath the sanctuary. Katrina Koehler will lead us in this time as she shares how we can manage not only all our prayer requests in a non-burdensome way, but also find artistic joy in the visual expression of prayers for worship, confession, and thanksgiving in addition to the myriad of concerns we bring to God. We will learn about the prayer binders, make one of our own and even practice using it! Charge: \$10 for students and \$15 for community members to cover supplies. To register, please email Katrina Koehler at katrina.koehler@houghton.edu.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$224,714.56 / Budget Received: \$192,058.46

YOUTH : Blue Foam Kick Off Party 3:33 to 5:55 Today on the Academy Soccer Field. Bring Towels and Swim Goggles. Prizes!

**ROOTED: 3-DAY SPIRITUAL REVIVAL SERVICES
AT WESLEY CHAPEL**

- Thursday, September 15 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 16 @ 11:10 a.m. (Campus Chapel Service)
- Friday, September 16 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 17 @ 1:00 p.m.

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.

MISSION MOMENT – We pray for Christie Dasaro, the newly appointed President and CEO of TEN3 (Transformational Education Network). She has had a wide impact in Nigeria along with her husband Nathaniel, a pastor. May God guide TEN3 into the future..

PERSECUTED CHURCH – James says, “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.” (James 1:2) As many as 1 out of 7 believers live in place around the world where they experience high levels of persecution for following Jesus. Let us pray for them to experience the joy of the Lord as He ministers to them.

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 Rawson Baptist Church, Cuba (Pastor Nelson McCall).

ALL WOMEN

You are invited

to a morning of fellowship, worship, and inspiration at our

Fall Women's Gathering

A Life of Love and Purpose

Featuring

Carolyn Miller

on Saturday, September 17 at 9:00 am

in the Community Room

