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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

8:30 OUTDOOR SERVICE

Welcome

Songs of Adoration:

***Song of My Heart; I Shall Not Want; Before the Throne***

(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.**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:9-22

This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. 10 Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. 11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. 12 God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. 13 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 both them and the earth. 14 So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. 15 This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. 16 Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. 17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. 19 You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. 20 Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. 21 You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

<sup>22</sup>Noah did everything just as God commanded him

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

Children ages Preschool to 1st Grade are invited to Children's Church—Check in at the CE Foyer Desk

Sermon: **God Provides the Means to Preserve the Hope of Peace**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***By Our Love***

Benediction

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Scripture Reader: Sunshine Sullivan

Music Ministry Team:

Bridget Walton, Ethan Carr, Betsy Webb, vocals; Caleb Hilsher, guitar;  
Amanda Cox, keyboard & vocals; Nico Seddio, cajón

Children's Sermon—*Created to Feel*: <https://youtu.be/htlrcYAWwvo>

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The Psalmist proclaims: “The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and is armed with strength... Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity” (93:1-2). We worship today to affirm the Psalmist’s proclamation—with our words and with our lives. As we worship God the Father Almighty, may His Spirit fill us with the joy of worship that we might go forth to live in the presence of His power and love.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes concludes the series on the story of Noah. Next week’s sermon *God Reveals Himself as the Active Sign of Peace* focuses our attention on the rainbow. We gather for worship outdoors worship 8:30 a.m. and indoors/streaming at 11:00 a.m. KidsMin Connect and 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 weekly video chat and would like to, please contact the church office and we will update your information.

### **HWC KIDS**

- **We had a GREAT week in Kids Connect last week! Join us this week to hear about Elijah and why he fled to Horeb. BIG IDEA: God gives me comfort when I feel sad. BIBLE: 1 Kings 19:1-13**
- **Monthly Scripture Memory:** Everyone is welcome to memorize the monthly memory verse along with the HWC Kids. Pick up a list of the verses at the Welcome Desk in the CE building or at the back of the Sanctuary. This month's verse is Romans 15:13a.
- **Family Room:** Below the sanctuary is a beautiful room equipped with a private nursing area, changing table, rocking chair, toys and books for babies and toddlers, and a TV for streaming the 11:00 service. All parents and caregivers are welcome to use the room as you need.
- **HWC Kids Min team members,** you are invited to a team breakfast and connection time before Kids Connect (9:00-9:40) this Sunday, September 18th. Watch your emails for more details!

**STEWARDSHIP** Budget Needed: \$240,765.60 / Budget Received: \$204,751.29

**YOUTH :** Tuesday, 7 to 8 a.m. Pancakes and Prayer in the Community Room

**MISSION MOMENT** – Ruth Strand has tremendous responsibility and opportunity to share God’s love in Buffalo as Director of Spiritual Care for Jericho Road Community Health Center. This 25 year old miracle outreach is actually over a dozen wholistic outreach programs in Buffalo and overseas. Even as our dollars have a small role in her support and in these ministries, we pray for strength and wisdom for Ruth and the many staff.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – In remote regions of Colombia, South America, believers, especially church leaders, face persecution from criminal gangs because of denouncing corruption and defending human rights. We need to pray for God’s protection and boldness for God’s children across Latin America.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for Alejandra Koch and her family at the death of her sister, Elly Plaza, this week and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Jake Jacobsen, Terry Ayers, Mark Getzin, Kathy Breuer, Scarlett Gildemeister, 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 First Day Baptist Church, Richburg (Pastor Larry Allen).



# STEWARDSHIP- A Life of Generosity

## Year-End Fiscal Report

The church fiscal year ends May 31. Now that all expenses have been paid and recorded, we are pleased to note that we ended the year with a small surplus (\$7,090.11). The Elders have chosen to distribute the surplus in this way:

- Local Outreach \$ 709.00 (10.0%)
- Global Missions \$ 709.00 (10.0%)
- General Fund \$ 5,672.11 (80%)

We are grateful that our income exceeded our expenses. Your generosity enabled us to not only minister to each other but to support ministries to the world beyond us. We do believe that it is important for you to know that this surplus is the result of significant underspending rather than income exceeding expectations. As you can see in the chart above, our actual income was more than \$47,000 short of expectation. The surplus resulted because expenses were a little more than \$54,000 less than we had budgeted. We do not expect that to repeat this year as we are now fully staffed and are planning on having full programming this year.

## Current Fiscal Situation

We are now almost three months into the 2022-2023 fiscal year and our financial picture is tracking even further behind than last year at this time. We have sufficient cash on hand but need to operate so that our income matches expenses. This year's budget was built with necessary income closely matching our anticipated expenses which makes achieving income expectations even more critical. Your tithes and offerings enable us to compensate our staff, provide resources for ministries, maintain our buildings and grounds and support personnel and ministries in Allegany County, WNY and around the world.



We recognize that there are numerous factors that might contribute to the revenue shortfall and that there are times of life when we have more or fewer financial options. Whatever your circumstances, we encourage you to be in prayer about stretching your faith financially. Perhaps you will sense God affirming your current fiscal decisions. Perhaps you will sense God calling you to take a step of faith by increasing your giving. Again, thank you for generosity and for your commitment to HWC. All of us and many others are blessed by your willingness to give.

-The Stewardship Committee

## 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](mailto:katrina.koehler@houghton.edu).

## LEAH DOTY SEND OFF

Sunday, September 25, 4 p.m.  
Good Shepherd Room  
(sanctuary basement)  
Open to all  
Desserts will be served



## Song Of My Heart

### Verse 1

Just like a tree that grows by the water  
Let the strong winds blow  
I will not move  
Just like a child secure  
in the love of a Father  
Never letting go I cling to You

### Chorus

**In ev'ry situation  
Beyond all fear and doubt  
No matter what I'm facing  
The song of my heart  
is ringing out**

**I'll stand on Your promise  
I will not be moved  
Nothing can tear us apart  
My faith won't be shaken  
I'm anchored in You  
In death and in life You remain  
The song of my heart**

### Verse 2

When all is said and done  
and the storm is over  
You are tried and true  
You never change  
When all is sinking sand  
You're a strong foundation  
Ev'rything else will fade  
but You remain

### Chorus

### Bridge

With ev'ry breath that I take  
With ev'ry beat of my heart  
God I will sing to the world  
Faithful You've been, Faithful You are  
(Sing 3x)

### Chorus

## I Shall Not Want

### Verse 1

From the love  
of my own comfort  
From the fear of having nothing  
From a life of worldly passions  
Deliver me, O God

### Verse 2

From the need to be understood  
And from a need to be accepted  
From the fear of being lonely  
Deliver me, O God  
Deliver me, O God

### Chorus

And I shall not want  
No I shall not want  
When I taste Your goodness  
I shall not want  
When I taste Your goodness  
I shall not want

### Verse 3

From the fear of serving others  
Oh and from the  
fear of death or trial  
And from the fear of humility  
Deliver me, O God  
Yes, deliver me, O God

### Chorus

And I shall not want  
No I shall not want  
When I taste Your goodness  
I shall not want  
No I shall not want  
No I shall not want  
When I taste Your goodness  
I shall not want  
When I taste Your goodness  
I shall not want  
I shall not want  
Shall not want

## Before the Throne of God Above

### Verse 1

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest  
whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can  
bid me thence depart  
No tongue can  
bid me thence depart

### Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

### Verse 3

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior  
and my God  
With Christ my Savior  
and my God  
With Christ my Savior  
and my God

## By Our Love

### Verse 1

Brothers let us come together  
Walking in the Spirit  
There's much to be done  
We will come reaching  
Out from our comforts  
And they will know us  
by our love

### Verse 2

Sisters we were  
made for kindness  
We can pierce the darkness  
As He shines through us  
We will come reaching  
With a song of healing  
And they will know us  
by our love

### Chorus

**The time is now  
Come church arise  
Love with His hands  
See with His eyes  
Bind it around you  
Let it never leave you  
And they will know us  
by our love**

### Verse 3

Children you are hope for justice  
Stand firm in the Truth now  
Set your hearts above  
You will be reaching  
Long after we're gone  
And they will know you  
by your love

### Chorus