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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

8:30 SERVICE

Welcome

Songs of Adoration:

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less; This is Amazing Grace; Living Hope

(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: Leah

Scripture Reading: Genesis 8:15 - 9:17

15 Then God said to Noah, 16 "Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. 17 Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it." 18 So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. 19 All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another. 20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. 21 The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." 9 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. 2 The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands. 3 Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. 4 "But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. 5 And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being. 6 "Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.

7 As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it." 8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: 9 "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you 10 and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. 11 I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." 12 And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: 13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

16 Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

17 So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

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 Reveals Himself as the Active Sign of Peace**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *God Put a Rainbow in the Sky* (Mahalia Jackson)

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Alex Hill

Music Ministry Team:

Joanna Bates, Emily Quick, vocals; Josh Armstrong, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cello; Dan Wartinger, cajón

Children's Sermon—*Valued*: <https://youtu.be/Qzfl-prAr9E>

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Jaël Yögbö Onivogui to Rachel and Jean Onivogui on September 14th.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The prophet Isaiah declares to God's people: "Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters... Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near" (55:1,6, NIV). As we ponder the gracious invitation of God for His people, may God inspire us to take Him up on His offer, knowing that He who calls us loves us and wants to do above and beyond what we are able to ask or imagine.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes begins a series of sermons on prayer. Please join us for outdoor worship 8:30 a.m. and for indoor/streaming blended worship at 11:00 a.m. KidsMin Connect and Discipleship Hour begins at 9:45 a.m.

Today the church is hosting a "LEAH'S SEND-OFF DESSERT" at 4:00 p.m. below the sanctuary. Leah returns to her Bible translation work in S.E. Asia in early October. Come join in surrounding her with our love and prayers.

CONNECTING: If you are not currently receiving either a text or email for Pastor Wes's weekly letter, Pastor Wes's weekly video chat or other periodic updates (i.e., outdoor service weather updates) and would like to, please contact the church office (office@hwchurch.org/585-567-2264) and we will update your information.

HWC KIDS

- **HWC Kids Connect:** This week, kids hear about Nehemiah and his mission to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. BIG IDEA: Because of God, I can feel valued. BIBLE: Nehemiah 2:1-6, 11-18
- **HWC Parents:** Check out our new "Family Resource Hub" in the CE building for take-home discipleship resources that coordinate with our weekly lessons.
- **HWC Kids:** The memory verse challenge has begun! Memorize the monthly verse, recite it to a neighbor (3X), get a sticker for the chart and claim a prize! Pick up your verse sheet from your Connect teacher or at the Welcome Desk.

PRAYER BINDER WORKSHOP—Today is the final day to sign up for the workshop on October 1 at 10:00 a.m. 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: \$256,816.64 / **Budget Received:** \$224,568.02

YOUTH: Tuesday, 7 a.m. Prayer Breakfast in the Community Room

MISSION MOMENT – Today we hear from Leah and join as a congregation for the Lord to bless her as she departs for S. E. Asia on October 3 after a summer visit to supporters and family in N. America. May God give her strength to readjust to new routines and responsibilities.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – "Blessed are the peacemakers." There are Christians on all levels and all nations who can be instruments of "shalom" and work for God's peace in conflict large and small. We pray for God to help believers be at the forefront of peacemaking and shine for Christ even when they are the targets of injustice.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Jake Jacobsen, Terry Ayers, Mark Getzin, 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 storms in the Caribbean; 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 long-term results from the recent revival gatherings at Houghton University; for Sojourners Mennonite Fellowship, Belfast (Pastor Connie Finney).

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My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Chorus

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand**

Verse 2

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

Verse 3

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

Chorus

Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet
sound, O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Chorus

This Is Amazing Grace

Verse 1

Who breaks the power
of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty
and so much stronger
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless
in awe and wonder
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Chorus

**This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for
all that You've done for me**

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos
back into order
Who makes the orphan
a son and daughter
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Verse 4

Who rules the nations
with truth and justice
Shines like the sun
in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory
the King above all kings

Chorus

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave (3x)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
worthy, worthy, worthy!

Chorus

Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm
that lay between us
How high the mountain
I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom
such boundless grace
The God of ages
stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

**Hallelujah praise the One
who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost
its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Verse 3

Then came the morning
that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(Repeat)
Jesus Yours is the victory

Chorus

God Put a Rainbow in the Sky

God put a rainbow in the sky
A rainbow in the sky
A rainbow in the sky
God put a rainbow in the sky
A rainbow in the sky
A rainbow in the sky
It looked like the sun
wasn't gon' shine no more
Oh, God put a rainbow in the sky

When God shut Noah
in the grand ol' ark
God put a rainbow in the sky
Oh, yes, the sun grew dim and the
days was dark
God put a rainbow in the sky