



Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 2, 2022
11:00 SERVICE

Prelude: *Paeon (Hymn of Praise)* (Robert Lau)

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 357: *Be Thou My Vision*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Reception of New Members

Children's Sermon: *Eat Your Veggies*

Songs of Adoration: *Thrive; What a Beautiful Name*

Prayer of Confession

O God, your being is love and all your works toward us are mercy. Forgive us when we stray from our confession of faith into thinking that you are like the gods of this world, who demand destructive sacrifices in exchange for your favor.

Cleanse us from the injustice that goes hand in hand with idolatry. Illumine our minds with knowledge of who You are, acknowledging you as the Source, the Giver, whose attitude toward us is one abounding in unfailing generosity and steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, who trusted you through death to new life, Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:1-13

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

Hymn 351: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Sermon: **Praying with Audacity**

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion:

Jesus Paid it All; Goodness of God

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Acolyte: Owen Chapman

Music Ministry Team:

Evie Cox, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;

Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Jill Jordan, violin; Nico Seddio, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The apostle Paul writes, "So now there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). As we gather here or wherever you are, may we embrace the freedom that God has bestowed on us. Let us unite ourselves as one body, that we may exercise this freedom and use it to cultivate a community of faith. May our worship today leave us renewed by His power and convinced of His love.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes continues this series of sermons that focus our attention on prayer. Next week's sermon is from Exodus 20: Prayer in the Dark. Please join us for outdoor worship 8:30 a.m. and for indoor/streaming worship at 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour and KidsMin Connect for all ages is at 9:45 a.m.

HWC KIDS

• **A new month and a new series: "Hear Me Roar"!** There's a reason lions are symbols of courage — even their roars (which can be heard up to five miles away) tell us how strong they are! And because of God's promises, we can be as strong and bold as lions, too. In this five-week series, kids will learn important truths from the life of Daniel they'll want to shout (or roar!), like how we don't have to give up and don't have to feel alone. Instead, we can keep learning and not be afraid, even when we don't know the future. Why? Because God is with us!

• **October's Memory Verse:** "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knows those who trust in him." — Nahum 1:7 (NIV)

• This week in **Kids Connect**, kids learn about Israel's journey in Babylon, and how God was always with them. **THE BIG IDEA:** I won't give up — God is with me! **THE BIBLE:** Daniel 1; Lamentations 3:19–26

ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL: Saturday, October 29, 10am - 1pm - Join us for games, crafts, food, hay rides, and more.

- Baskets for donations of candy and snack-size bags of pretzels, gold fish, gummies, etc. will be in the sanctuary and CE building foyers.
- **Do you like to Bake? Or Compete in the Chili Cook Off? We need you!**
- We are looking for treats to help make the Family Harvest Extravaganza a success! Please sign up at <https://www.perfectpotluck.com/ZMQV2494>
- (If you are willing to bake a treat, donations can be dropped off at the church on Friday, October 28th.)
- Please sign up if you're willing to bring a pot of chili for the Cook Off! Questions, please contact Andrea Tanner Text /Call 585-322-6887.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$272,867.68 / **Budget Received:** \$233,258.16

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.

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

MISSION MOMENT – We pray for Breanna Smithley as recently we learned she is awaiting visa extension application results in England. Meanwhile she has recently added responsibility of training others to deal with mental health and trauma issues among vulnerable youth while she also is engaged in advanced counseling courses.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Ninety percent of Myanmar's population is Buddhist. The six percent who are Christians are mainly among the minority ethnic groups. We pray for wisdom and witness of Christians in the midst of a growing and unifying armed resistance to the violent and repressive military government. Persecution is very real and how to respond is a growing challenge.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Jake Jacobsen, Terry Ayers, Mark Getzin, Scarlett Guildemeister, 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 Bolivar United Methodist Church (Pastor Dawn Quesenberry).