

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 2, 2023

8:30 OUTDOOR SERVICE

LISTEN AT 106.9 FM

Song of Praise: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Call to Worship:

*Come, Holy Spirit Come! Such is the cry of the faithful in times like these: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!
Fill the hearts of your people and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another

*On the back table near the parking area are blue offering boxes as well as activity bags for children.
Children's Church is offered on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.*

Songs of Preparation: *God is Here, The Lord's Prayer*

Time of Prayer

Response: *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:13-26

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *So You're Free. Now What?*

Rev. Dr. Jon Case

Song of Challenge: *By Our Love*

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Rachel Onivogui

Music Ministry Team: Alison Young Reusser, Rachel Onivogui, Dan Zambrano, David Huizenga

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. We worship today as a means of acknowledging God's greatness and to ask for His grace to be at work in our lives. As we worship, may the assurance of God's presence fill your heart and soul.

GUEST PREACHER: Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Jon Case as our guest preacher. Dr. Case is Professor of Theology at Houghton University.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Dr. Terry Paige, recently retired Professor of New Testament at Houghton University.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 2 – September 3

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship
10:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

September 10 – October 29

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship
9:45 a.m. Discipleship Hour
11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

HWC KIDS in July

- Grab some blankets and flashlights! We're going to build a fort or jump on the couch because the floor is lava! That's right — it's time for a family staycation! In this five-week series about Abraham and his family (and our families, too!), kids will learn that God blesses us so we can bless others and God always shows us compassion. That's why we can trust God (even when it's hard to trust each other), always belong in God's family, and can make peace with others — especially the people who live with us!
- Memory Verse: "Let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10 (NIV)
- This week, kids hear about God's call of Abram, and the adventure he set out on. **BIG IDEA:** God blesses us so we can bless others. **BIBLE:** Genesis 12:1-5, 13:1-18; Psalm 89:1-4
- **Summer Sunday Schedule:** Nursery offered every Sunday during the 8:30 service. Children's Church offered the 2nd and 4th Sundays during the 8:30 service.
- **VALLEY PRESCHOOL:** Applications for VPS for the fall are available now for kids ages 2-5. VPS meets MWF from 9:00-11:45am. Scholarships are available to most students. Questions or need more information? Email Casda Danner at casdadanner@hwchurch.org

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$66,869 / **Budget Received:** \$53,351

YOUTH MISSION TRIP: Our youth leave this Wednesday (July 5) for Charleston, West Virginia and return on Saturday (July 8). Please pray for them and Pastor Jon, for their safety traveling and that they will be a great blessing to those they serve.

MISSION MOMENT - Martin and Sheri Hegeman praise God for completion of their third year at Sahel Academy in Niger — especially the rewards of working with the senior class (with six nationalities) for two years. They ask for prayer as they resettle on July 4 in Texas for a year of adjustments and seeking God's will for the future. And we uphold the school in its re-staffing and other needs.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH – Churches in Belarus, like those in many authoritarian states, face tightened restrictions. On June 2nd 70-year-old Baptist pastor Vladimir Burshtyn was fined over a month's average pension for holding an outdoor meeting with fellow believers to share their faith. We pray for believers to show God's love even as new laws are in the making in that country.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Darwin and Fauhn Schierer, Vesta Mullen, Terry Ayers, Scarlett Gildemeister, Kim Pegula, Mim Case, Grace Taylor, Karen Gaerte, Bill Getty, Andy Mikolajczyk (Mary Lingenfelter's brother), Denise Zambrano, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Lenore Paige, Dan and Sarah Gurley, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Crikelair; for all dealing with tragedies and disasters particularly the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria, the recent acts of violence; for refugees throughout the world; for protection, wisdom and peace in Ukraine; for a Chinese pastor who has been detained for more than a year; for ZionQuest Christian Fellowship, Cheektowaga (Pastor Kim Gladden).

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The Children's Sermon, ***Pass It On***, is available Sunday Morning after 8:00 a.m.

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O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O For a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise!
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

****My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the world abroad
The honors of Thy name.**

****Jesus! the Name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.**

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come,
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

God is Here

There is a sweet anointing in this sanctuary
There is a stillness in the atmosphere;
Come and lay down the burdens you have carried,
For in the sanctuary, God is here.

He is here, He is here to break the yoke
And lift the heavy burden;
He is here, He is here to heal the hopeless heart
And bless the broken.
O come lay down the burdens you have carried,
For in this sanctuary, God is here.

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am,
Summon out what I should be;
Set your seal upon my heart,
And live in me. (3x)

The Lord's Prayer

VERSE: Father let Your Kingdom come,
Father let Your will be done
On earth as in heaven,
Right here in my heart (repeat)

CHORUS: Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned
against us, forgive them
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one;
Let Your kingdom come

BRIDGE: It's Yours, it's Yours,
All Yours, all Yours:
The kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours!
It's Yours, it's Yours, all Yours, all Yours
Forever and ever the kingdom is Yours! (repeat)

[VERSE, CHORUS, VERSE]
On earth as in heaven right here in my heart

By Our Love

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!

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!

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: 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!