

**NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 30, 2023**  
**8:30 OUTDOOR SERVICE**  
**LISTEN AT 106.9 FM**

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*I'll Overcome Some Day, Ancient of Days*

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 4:9-12

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. <sup>2</sup> We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. <sup>3</sup> For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. <sup>4</sup> On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup> You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. <sup>6</sup> We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. <sup>7</sup> Instead, we were like young children among you.

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, <sup>8</sup> so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

<sup>9</sup> Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. <sup>10</sup> And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, <sup>11</sup> and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, <sup>12</sup> so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

Announcements

Time of Prayer

Response: *Not to the Strong is the Battle*

Greeting One Another

Sermon: *Subversive Living in Enemy Occupied Territory*

The Lord's Supper

*Let it Be Said of Us, May the Peoples Praise You*

Benediction

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Reader: Nate Jacoby

Musicians:

Matt Cox (guitar and vocals), Paul Shea (vocals), Luke Huizenga (vocals), Dan Zambrano (cajòn),  
David Clem (viola & mandolin), David Huizenga (keyboard)

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** God has blessed us this summer. In the highs and lows of life, God is our constant help and strength. This morning, we worship to offer our gratitude for His numerous blessings and to ask for His power and love in the days ahead.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Pastor Jon Cole will preach.

**ODENS ON VACATION:** Pastors Wes and Cindy will be on vacation this coming week. While they are gone, we will publish a weekly letter, but Pastor Wes will not be sending out a weekly video. If you are not receiving these communications and would like to, please contact the church office ([office@hwchurch.org](mailto:office@hwchurch.org)) or 585-567-2264.

**CHURCH BARBECUE** On August 13, we are combining our worship services for one outdoor service at 10:00 a.m. with a picnic barbeque to follow. The service will be streamed (though lower quality than typical) and a radio broadcast will be available for all who desire to remain in a vehicle. The church will provide the meat and table service. We are asking you to bring a couple of dishes to share. We will have games and activities for children. In the case of inclement weather, all activities will be moved inside.

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **July 30 – September 3**

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

### **August 13**

10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship/Streaming (Car radio access available)  
12:00 p.m. Church Barbeque/Picnic

### **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**

- HWC Kids: This week, kids hear about Jacob and Esau being reunited after their falling out. BIG IDEA: We can make peace with others. BIBLE: Genesis 32:6-21, 33:1-11
- Valley Preschool: Apply today to claim your spot for the fall for your 2-5 year old! Offering play and faith-based education MWF from 9:30-11am with the possibility of Tuesday and Thursday with enough interest. Pick up an application outside the VPS classrooms in the CE building. Email Casda Danner at [casdadanner@hwchurch.org](mailto:casdadanner@hwchurch.org) for more information.
- Family Friday: Meet August 4 at the Jacobys, 9789 Smith Drive, Houghton

**“RISE UP AND PRAY” with MOMS IN PRAYER**, an international ministry with focus on women desiring to pray for their children and schools. They will meet on Saturday, August 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Community Room. RSVP to Barbara Rubino by August 5 at [connectmomsinprayer62@gmail.com](mailto:connectmomsinprayer62@gmail.com). Light refreshments will be served. Invite a friend.

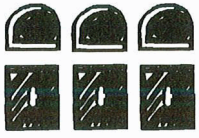
**STEWARDSHIP**      **Budget Needed:** \$133,738.48 / **Budget Received:** \$112,584.25

**REFRESH RETREAT & FAMILY CAMP** July 30-August 4 on the Houghton University Campus. Go to [refreshthoughton.com](http://refreshthoughton.com) for resources and registration.

**MISSION MOMENT** - Remember Joel and Barbara Trudell who spoke here in April.? They request God’s guidance in two areas – local language education plans and programs (Barbara) in Gambia, W. Africa, and churches in E. Africa embracing generosity and sharing (Joel) with local languages assisting in outreach to needy folks in communities.

**THE PERSECUTED CHURCH** - 70 years ago last week the Korean War ended and the reality of division between freedom of religion and tyranny towards Christians set in. The church has flourished in South Korea but Christians continue to suffer greatly in North Korea. Let us pray for freedom in Christ to rule in the hearts of those oppressed and as Abraham prayed in Genesis, let us pray for change in tormented N. Korea.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for Calvin Schierer and his family at the death of his brother Darwin and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: 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 the Peace Wesleyan Church, Falconer (Pastor Jason Claydon).



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wholeheartedly  
serving others*

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QR code to the Children's Sermon is available after 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.



## ***I'll Overcome Some Day***

This world is one great battlefield  
With forces all arrayed,  
If in my heart I do not yield  
I'll overcome some day.  
I'll overcome some day,  
I'll overcome some day,  
If in my heart I do not yield,  
I'll overcome some day.

A thousand snares are set for me,  
And mountains in my way,  
If Jesus will my leader be,  
I'll overcome some day.  
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I'll overcome some day,  
If Jesus will my leader be,  
I'll overcome some day.

I fail so often when I try  
My Savior to obey;  
It pains my heart and then I cry,  
Lord, make me strong some day.  
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It pains my heart and then I cry,  
Lord, make me strong some day.

My mind is not to do the wrong,  
But walk the narrow way;  
I'm praying as I journey on,  
To overcome some day.  
To overcome some day,  
To overcome some day;  
I'm praying as I journey on,  
To overcome some day.

Though many a time no signs  
appear,  
Nor answers when I pray;  
My Jesus says I need not fear,  
He'll make it plain some day.  
I'll be like Him some day,  
I'll be like Him some day;  
My Jesus says I need not fear,  
I'll be like Him some day.

## ***Ancient of Days***

Though the nations rage,  
kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King  
reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth  
remains:  
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

CHORUS:  
None above Him, none before  
Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain  
and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is, the Ancient of  
Days

Though the dread of night  
overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me, I am not alone  
O His love is sure,  
and He knows my name  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

### CHORUS

Though I may not see  
what the future brings  
I will watch and wait  
for the Saviour King  
Then my joy complete,  
standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of  
Days

### CHORUS

## ***Not to the Strong***

Not to the strong is the battle,  
Nor to the swift is the race,  
But to the true and the faithful  
Vict'ry is promised through grace.

## ***Let it Be Said of Us***

Let it be said of us  
that the Lord was our passion,  
That with gladness we bore  
every cross we were given;  
That we fought the good fight,  
and we finished the course;  
Knowing within us  
the power of the risen Lord.

### CHORUS:

Let the cross be our glory  
and the Lord be our song!  
By mercy made holy,  
by the Spirit made strong.  
Let the cross be our glory  
and the Lord be our song  
Till the likeness of Jesus  
be through us made known.  
Let the cross be our glory  
and the Lord be our song.

Let it be said of us,  
we were marked by forgiveness;  
We were known by our love  
and delighted in mercy;  
We were ruled by His peace,  
heeding unity's call,  
Joined as one body that  
Christ would be seen by all.

### CHORUS 2x

## ***May the Peoples Praise You***

You have called us out of darkest  
night  
Into Your glorious light  
That we may sing the wonders of  
The risen Christ  
May our every breath retell the grace  
That broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy  
With endless life

### CHORUS:

May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within  
Each harvest is Your own  
And from Your hand we give to You  
To make Christ known  
May the seeds of mercy grow in us  
For those who have not heard  
May songs of praise build lives of  
grace  
To spread Your Word

### CHORUS

This our holy privilege to declare  
Your praises and Your name  
To every nation, tribe and tongue  
Your church proclaims

### CHORUS

### BRIDGE:

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty  
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who  
was slain  
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty  
All creation praise Your glorious  
Name

### CHORUS 2x