

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 6, 2023

8:30 OUTDOOR SERVICE

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Lord I Need You

Welcome & Announcements

The Lord's Prayer, There is Power in the Blood

Time of Prayer and 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.**

Response: *Seek Ye First*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 (NLT)

“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. ¹⁵ He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

“The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money.

“After a long time, their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’ “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!’

“The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’ “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!’

“Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’ “But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’

“Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Greeting One Another

(Toy Bags are available on the white table for Children's Use)

Sermon: **The Parable of the Three Servants** Pastor Jon Cole

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Benediction

Reader: Dick Harter

Musicians: Sarah Sardina (vocals), Sophia Templeton (vocals), Ellie Brubaker (vocals), Nico Seddio (cajón), Christopher Moeller (guitar), David Huizenga (keyboard)

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist exclaims, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" We come to worship today to offer to God our praise. May God fill our hearts and lives with his glorious presence.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING will be a special day of worship and fellowship. We will gather for one outdoor service at 10:00am followed by an all-church barbeque. See the note below for more information. The Rev. Dr. Joey Jennings, WNY District Superintendent of The Wesleyan Church will preach in the worship service.

CHURCH BARBEQUE: 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

August 13

10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship/Streaming (Car radio access available)

12:00 p.m. Church Barbeque/Picnic

August 20 – 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

- August series "In Your Dreams": As the sun sets and you nod off to sleep, an entire nighttime world awakens. Along with our dreams and slumber, the night can also mean shadows and unfamiliar sounds. Who makes us feel safe when the world is dark and scary? In this four-week series based on the life of Joseph, we'll learn about how God watches over us and loves everyone the same. No matter what we go through, God will make things right, which is why we can obey God above anyone else.
- August Memory Verse: By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me." — Psalm 42:8a (NIV)
- This week, kids hear how Joseph's big dreams got him into trouble. **BIG IDEA:** God loves everyone the same. **BIBLE:** Genesis 37:1-28; Ps. 145:8-9
- August VBS/Kids Club: Join us for Kids Discovery Day at Fillmore Wesleyan Church on Saturday, August 26th from 1-4pm. Kids ages 3 - 12 will have the chance to try a new skill from baking to animal husbandry to drumming. Register today: <https://hwc.breezechms.com/form/035e8738>
- Valley Preschool: Apply today for your spot in the fall! For more information or to apply visit <https://hwchurch.org/valley-preschool/> Contact Casda Danner at casdadanner@hwchurch.org.
- Family Friday: Babbitts' house 16 E. Main, Fillmore, from 6:30-8:00pm

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$150,455.79 / Budget Received: \$125,098.05

MISSION MOMENT - "We are just like everyone else, dealing with the same struggles everyone faces- just in a different location..." An honest expression from what could be any one of our missionaries. This particular one recently added, "This month I am stepping out of my comfort zone to do some things I have never done before and have been too afraid to try. I am both anxious and excited." Pray for our partner and dozens more accepting the challenges before them with courage and faith.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH - Let us uphold the Christian aid worker and her child who were kidnapped in recent days in Haiti. May God protect and enable their release, even as He guides international authorities in a plan to send forces to bring stability and order out of the chaos in Haiti. Pray for Christians be strong in faith and witness in the midst of the prolonged struggle of a nation and its people whom God loves.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Calvin Schierer and his family at the death of his brothers Bruce (this week) and Darwin (recently) 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 Forestville Wesleyan Church (Pastor Bruce Ellis).



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*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly
serving others*

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



Lord I Need You

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

CHORUS:

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

[CHORUS]

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

[CHORUS]

My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

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

There is Power in the Blood

Would you be free from your burden of sin
There's pow'r in the blood power in the blood
Would you o'er evil a victory win
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood

REFRAIN:

There is power power, wonder working pow'r
in the blood of the lamb
There is pow'r pow'r wonder working pow'r
in the precious blood of lamb

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's pow'r in the blood pow'r in the blood
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

[REFRAIN]

Would you be whiter much whiter than snow
There's pow'r in the blood pow'r in the blood
Sin's stains are lost in its life giving flow
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

[REFRAIN]

Would you do service for Jesus your king
There's pow'r in the blood pow'r in the blood
Would you live daily his praises to sing
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood

[REFRAIN]

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and it shall be opened unto you
Allelu, Alleluia

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me