

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 13, 2023

10:00 OUTDOOR SERVICE

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Come All You People

Welcome & Announcements

I Stand Amazed in the Presence, Behold Our God

Scripture Reading: Mark 10: 17-27

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” Jesus looked at him and loved him.

“One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at his words.

But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With humans this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

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: *Draw Me Lord*

Greeting One Another

Sermon: *The Value of the Kingdom* (Rev. Joey Jennings)

My Worth is Not in What I Own

Benediction

Reader: Cora Sanasith

Musicians: Choir members (vocals), Dianna Clem (flute), David Clem (mandolin & viola), Dan Zambrano (cajón), Tim & Sharon McGarvey (horns), David Huizenga (keyboard)

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Each week we face the ups and downs of human living. We worship this morning to proclaim that the Lord is God and that we worship him as our King.

GUEST PREACHER: This morning we are excited to welcome the Rev. Dr. Joey Jennings, District Superintendent of the WNY District of The Wesleyan Church.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Wes will continue in 1 Thessalonians, focusing on chapter 1: Living Together in Enemy-Occupied Territory.

NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 20, AT 3:30 P.M. – ICE CREAM KICK-OFF. Please join us on the north lawn of the church for ice cream, fellowship as we welcome early returning students.

CONNECTING: We are continually updating email addresses and phone numbers for texting so that everyone who desires to do so receives information from the church. If you are not currently receiving either a text or email for Pastor Wes's weekly letter and weekly video chat, please contact the church office and we will update your information.

CHURCH BARBEQUE: Following this morning's worship service, you are invited to a picnic barbeque. The church will provide the meat, drinks and table service. We will have games and activities for children.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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)
- 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: Nathan and Casda Danner's house, 7773 Tucker Hill from 6:30-8:00pm

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$167,173.10 / Budget Received: \$140,348.59

MISSION MOMENT - We welcome to Houghton this week Grace Dietrick, our new Pastoral Resident/Intern who last week completed a summer with Global Partners Central Europe team which is opening a refugee center in September. Pray for this ministry and praise God for Grace's lasting relationships with refugees and others.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH - Pray for evangelical chaplains ministering to those on the front lines in Ukraine. In spite of hardships Christians are reaching out in many ways and we can pray for Kingdom fruit in this land.

PRAYER CONCERNS: 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 Revive Wesleyan Church, Hamburg (Pastor Paul Gartley).

Stewardship – A Life of Generosity



I love youth service trips. While important, it's not only the long hours in a van that "smells like teen spirit" or sleeping in a muggy, (also smelly) gym on a beautiful hardwood floor near 30 of your closest (brand new) friends... some of whom clearly have undiagnosed sleep apnea. Nor is it consuming vast quantities of "school-lunch" food, pizza, and Diet Coke. These parts of the experience are simply icing on the cake of service! The youth mission's trip to Charleston WV had all the critical elements described above, and in

addition, was a powerful opportunity for our students to see God working in a different context. Our team of 2 adults and 9 students served with open hearts, curiosity, and joy! We worked with organizations in downtown Charleston that serve the homeless, people with addictions, and those recently released from prison. I personally loved seeing how God's people in Charleston have taken notice of the human suffering that exists in their sphere of influence and are using their gifts in creative and unique ways to meet the need. It was a powerful example to our students that God wants to use us to meet the needs around us. Here are three testimonials that will hopefully help you to understand a bit more about our experience there:

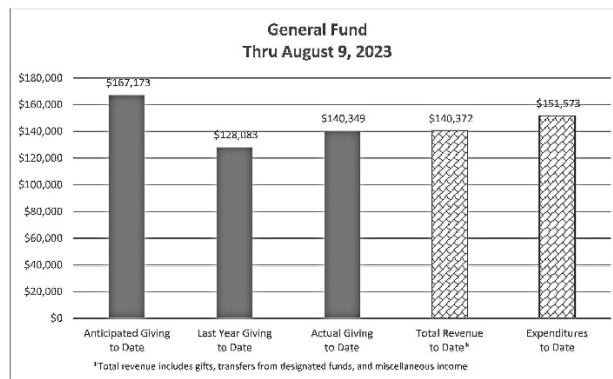
From one of our students: On the first night in Charleston during our team time I asked the team what they were hoping to learn from this experience. One student said, "I want to learn to pay attention to what God is doing around me and what he wants to teach me in each moment.... Not just let events go by without thinking about it."

From a recovering alcoholic: On Friday afternoon the guys on our team grilled and served hotdogs to homeless people. In the middle of that experience, we had the opportunity to celebrate with a woman who received her 4-year sobriety medallion. She was given the award by her mom who said, "I'm so proud of my daughter in her fight for sobriety, today she is 4 years sober, I'm only 19 months, so she is ahead of me."

From one of the leaders of one of the organizations we served with (paraphrased): I grew up in a home filled with alcohol and other addiction issues and fell into my own addiction at an early age which ended in my incarceration. In that most difficult time in my life, I finally reached a point where I gave up and surrendered my life to God. Now I live in that surrender each day. I serve those who are coming out of prison because I love God and I want to love others in the best way I can. I know what it is like to be in their shoes, and I want to help them.

Pray that our students will continue to process what we experienced in WV and learn all that God has for them. Thank you for giving to the ministries of this church! I'm so thankful to be part of a community of faith that gives so that these types of events are possible. We could not do this without you!

Pastor Jon



Come, All You People

Come, all you people
Come and praise your Maker [3x]

Come now and worship the Lord.

REPEAT with:

- ...your Savior (3x)
- ...the Spirit (3x)
- ...your Maker (3x)

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

CHORUS:

How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be;
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!

For me it was in the garden
He prayed, "Not My will but
Thine;"
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat drops of blood for mine.

[CHORUS]

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden on Calv'ry,
And suffered and died alone.

[CHORUS]

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy thro' the ages
To sing of His love for me.

[CHORUS]

Behold Our God

Behold our king, nothing can
compare
Come, let us adore him

Who has held the oceans in his
hands?

Who has numbered every grain of
sand?

Kings and nations tremble at his
voice

All creation rises to rejoice

CHORUS:

Behold our God, seated on his
throne

Come, let us adore him

Behold our king, nothing can
compare

Come, let us adore him

Who has given counsel to the Lord?

Who can question any of his words?

Who can teach, the one who knows
all things?

Who can fathom all his wondrous
deeds?

[CHORUS]

Who has felt the nails upon his
hands?

Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave

Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

[CHORUS]

You will reign forever [4x]
(let Your glory fill the Earth)

[CHORUS]

Draw Me Lord

O draw me, Lord
O draw me, Lord
O draw me, Lord
And I'll run, after you. [3x]

O draw me, Lord

My Worth is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and
bone

But in the costly wounds of love
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that
flowed

At the cross

CHORUS:

I rejoice in my redeemer
Greatest treasure
Wellspring of my soul
And I will trust in him, no other
My soul is satisfied in him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us
At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross

[CHORUS]

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid
At the cross

[CHORUS]

My soul is satisfied in him alone