

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 20, 2023**

**8:30 OUTDOOR SERVICE**

**LISTEN AT 106.9 FM**

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*Here I Am to Worship*

Welcome & Announcements

*He Reigns Forever, A Thousand Hallelujahs*

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, 4:9-12

*Paul, Silas and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.*

*...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. 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, 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, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord    All: ***Thanks be to 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: ***Tu Fidelidad/Great is Thy Faithfulness***

Greeting One Another

Sermon: *Living Together in Enemy Occupied Territory*

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

Benediction

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Reader: Jeff Boon

Musicians: Alison Reusser Young (vocals), Bridget Walton (vocals),  
Luke Ogden (vocals), Gabe Huizenga (cajón), David Huizenga (keyboard)

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Every Sunday is a time for remembering all that God has done and to celebrate the victory of Christ's resurrection. May God open our eyes, our ears, our minds and our hearts to him.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** The timing of the reappearing of Christ has been a topic of conversation and interest for centuries. Next Sunday, Pastor Wes brings this topic to our attention in a sermon from 1 Thessalonians 5, *Waiting in Enemy-Occupied Territory*. Come and engage in worship: outdoors at 8:30 and indoors/streaming at 11:00.

**ICE CREAM GATHERING:** Today 3:30 – 4:30, come enjoy some ice cream and fellowship as we welcome Houghton University students who are already on campus. Just come and enjoy some fellowship and an opportunity to connect with some university students. Please use the south driveway to enter and park.

**CONNECTING:** We are in the process of updating email addresses and phone numbers for texting so that everyone who desires 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.

**SMALL GROUP LEADER ORIENTATION AUGUST 29, 7:00 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM** - A new school year is fast approaching, and with it comes new schedules, new commitments, perhaps new neighbors, and possibly... a new commitment to discipleship via a banding group or small group? Pray about it and take the leap! One focus that the adult discipleship team has for this year is expanding efforts to equip and support small group leaders. This kicks off with a gathering for leaders and potential leaders or those simply curious about what small group leadership would entail.

#### **UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

##### **August 20 – August 27**

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship

10:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

##### **September 3 – September 24**

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship

11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

**HWC KIDS** - This week, kids hear how Joseph reunited with his brothers and showed them kindness. **BIG IDEA:** God will make things right. **BIBLE:** Genesis 42:1-8; 45; Isaiah 56:1,6-8

- August Memory Verse: "By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me." — Psalm 42:8a (NIV)
- Reminder: There will be nursery this week; there will NOT be Children's Church
- Family Friday at the Jacobys' this week!
- 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](mailto:casdadanner@hwchurch.org).

**STEWARDSHIP**     **Budget Needed: \$183,890.41 / Budget Received: \$158,798.14**

**MISSION MOMENT** – Pray for Alan Shea who is two days into a ten-day intense work blitz at ELWA hospital and radio station in Monrovia, Liberia. Projects include oxygen plant, fiber optics, generator control upgrades among others. Immediately Alan travels on to Burundi with I-TEC and solar installation projects for Christian ministries. We pray for wisdom, health and safety over the next intense weeks.

**THE PERSECUTED CHURCH** – The Enemy behind persecution specializes in dividing believers. We pray for Christian unity in places where Satan is attacking the Church both blatantly and subtly around the globe.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for the family of Bill Getty who died this week (visitation Tuesday at the church from 2-4 p.m. followed by the service at 4 p.m.) 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, 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 fires in Lahaina, Hawaii, 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 Little Valley Wesleyan Church (Pastor Dan Butcher).



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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.



### ***Here I Am to Worship***

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

CHORUS:

Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days  
Oh, so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You  
created  
All for love's sake became poor

[CHORUS]

Well, I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross (2x)

[CHORUS]

### ***He Reigns Forever***

We sing the praises to our God  
For he is the King of Kings (2x)

Give him glory for He is the King  
Give him glory for He's the King of  
Kings (2x)

(Repeat all)

All hail King Jesus, all hail Emmanuel  
(2x)

He reigns forever  
He reigns forever  
He reigns forever and evermore (3x)

All hail king Jesus!

### ***A Thousand Hallelujahs***

Who else would rocks cry out to  
worship?  
Whose glory taught the stars to  
shine?  
Perhaps creation longs to have the  
words to sing  
But this joy is mine

CHORUS:

With a thousand hallelujahs  
We magnify Your name  
You alone deserve the glory  
The honor and the praise  
Lord Jesus  
This song is forever Yours  
A thousand hallelujahs  
And a thousand more

Who else would die for our  
redemption?  
Whose resurrection means I'll rise?  
There isn't time enough to sing of  
all You've done  
But I have eternity to try

CHORUS

Praise to the Lord to the lamb  
To the King of Heaven  
Praise for He rose, now He reigns  
We will sing forever (2x)

CHORUS 2x

A thousand hallelujahs and a  
thousand more

### ***Tu Fidelidad***

\*Tu fidelidad es gande  
Tu fidelidad incomparable es  
Nadie como Tu, bendito Dios  
Grandé es Tu fidelidad (3x)

Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies I  
see

All I have needed Thy hand hath  
provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord  
unto me

\*TRANSLATION:

*Your faithfulness is great  
Your faithfulness is incomparable  
No one is like you, blessed Lord  
Great is your faithfulness*

### ***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