

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

8:30 OUTDOOR SERVICE

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*Your Grace is Enough, God is Here*

Welcome & Announcements

Time of 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: *I Will Give You Rest*

Greeting One Another

Scripture: Genesis 29:16-35

*Now Laban had two daughters. The older daughter was named Leah, and the younger one was Rachel. There was no sparkle in Leah's eyes, but Rachel had a beautiful figure and a lovely face. Since Jacob was in love with Rachel, he told her father, "I'll work for you for seven years if you'll give me Rachel, your younger daughter, as my wife." "Agreed!" Laban replied. "I'd rather give her to you than to anyone else. Stay and work with me." So Jacob worked seven years to pay for Rachel. But his love for her was so strong that it seemed to him but a few days.*

*Finally, the time came for him to marry her. "I have fulfilled my agreement," Jacob said to Laban. "Now give me my wife so I can sleep with her." So Laban invited everyone in the neighborhood and prepared a wedding feast. But that night, when it was dark, Laban took Leah to Jacob, and he slept with her. (Laban had given Leah a servant, Zilpah, to be her maid.) But when Jacob woke up in the morning—it was Leah!*

*"What have you done to me?" Jacob raged at Laban. "I worked seven years for Rachel! Why have you tricked me?" "It's not our custom here to marry off a younger daughter ahead of the firstborn," Laban replied. "But wait until the bridal week is over; then we'll give you Rachel, too—provided you promise to work another seven years for me."*

*So Jacob agreed to work seven more years. A week after Jacob had married Leah, Laban gave him Rachel, too. (Laban gave Rachel a servant, Bilhah, to be her maid.) So Jacob slept with Rachel, too, and he loved her much more than Leah. He then stayed and worked for Laban the additional seven years.*

*When the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, he enabled her to have children, but Rachel could not conceive. So Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, "The Lord has noticed my misery, and now my husband will love me." She soon became pregnant again and gave birth to another son. She named him Simeon, for she said, "The Lord heard that I was unloved and has given me another son." Then she became pregnant a third time and gave birth to another son. He was named Levi, for she said, "Surely this time my husband will feel affection for me, since I have given him three sons!" Once again Leah became pregnant and gave birth to another son. She named him Judah, for she said, "Now I will praise the Lord!" And then she stopped having children.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *When You Feel Unloved*

The Lord's Supper

*No Longer Slaves, How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*

Benediction

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Reader: Jon Cole

Musicians:

Alison Young Reusser (vocals & guitar), Levi Webb (vocals), Heidi Huizenga (vocals), Nico Seddio (cajòn), David Huizenga (keyboard)

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The Psalmist proclaims, "The Lord is great...and he is high above all the people...Exalt the Lord our God, and worship...for the Lord our God is holy" (Psalm 99: 2, 9). We worship today to acknowledge that God is great and holy, that we are his people and that we owe our lives to him. Through music, prayer, the reading of Scripture, and the spoken word we have an opportunity to experience the grace of God in Christ.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER:** This morning we are receiving the elements of communion by intinction (*to dip in*). When your row is released, come to the front, tear off a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and eat it. You may return to your seat by the outside aisle. As an alternative to intinction, we have set up stations with trays of bread and cups as well as gluten-free bread. If you prefer to use these elements, feel free to walk past the intinction servers and proceed to the trays. If coming to the front is difficult for you, please inform the usher and we will serve you in your seat.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes continues leading us to think about people who encounter God. Next week's sermon is from Genesis 40 about the cupbearer who meets Joseph in prison. Join us for worship at 8:30 (outdoors) and 11:00 (indoors/streaming) as we think about *When You Forget*. Discipleship Hour begins at 9:45 a.m.

#### **YOUTH GROUP NEWS FOR TODAY**

- **Youth Group Parents meet this morning at 9:45 in the Community Room.** *Ask questions, get critical info, listen to the plan for the year, and sign an annual permission slip. Youth Group parents, this one is for you. (also, Donuts!)*
- **6-8pm tonight - Youth Group Kickoff! See you at YG!**

#### **UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

##### **September 10 – September 24**

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship

9:45 a.m. KidsMin, Youth Sunday School, Adult Discipleship Hour

11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

##### **October 1 – December 10**

8:30 a.m. Indoor Worship

9:45 a.m. KidsMin, Youth Sunday School, Adult Discipleship Hour

11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

**HWC KIDS -- Kids Connect starts on September 10th!** This month we're starting the series "Lead the Way": a 4-week study on Moses from Exodus. Here's what Grow has to say about it: In the jungle, every day is an unpredictable adventure! But to safely navigate the vines, animals, and tricky terrain, we'll need a guide to help lead us. This four-week series follows the life of Moses and his journey to leading the Israelites out of Egypt. Through his story, we'll discover how God teaches us how to lead, and learn how to follow God's lead as God leads us to safety, and to what we need.

- September memory verse: "Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths." — Psalm 25:4 (NIV)
- HWC Kids: This week, kids see how God called Moses to lead and rescue the Israelites. **BIG IDEA:** God teaches us how to lead. **BIBLE:** Exodus 2–3:15; Romans 12:9–21

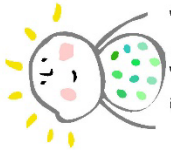
**THE WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 9:30-10:45 am in the Good Shepherd Room (under the sanctuary). This first session will be a time of getting acquainted, introducing the study and having a time of prayer. We will be studying Profiles of Perseverance – Joseph, David, Elijah, Nehemiah, using Melanie Newton's easy to follow study guide. Since we don't have a permanent leader, each member will participate in facilitating sessions throughout the year. If you are interested, please come join us.

**STEWARDSHIP**     **Budget Needed: \$217,325.03 / Budget Received: \$193,252.24**

**MISSION MOMENT** – A vital aspect of front-line mission work is church planting. Kevin and Cindy Austin report that with Jesus' help their home Bible Study group in Czech could soon transition into an actual house church. Our prayers make us partners in this exciting process. Keep up with other monthly global reports with the **MISSIONARY MAILBAG** available in foyer.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – It's been two years since the Taliban took control in Afghanistan and the economy of the nation has crumbled – Christians and Muslims alike and millions are on the brink of starvation. Some Christian agencies are still supplying emergency food kits and mobile medical care. We pray especially for mothers under severe Taliban restrictions trying to provide for their families.

**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, 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 the Ashwood Wesleyan Church, Lyndonville (Pastor Karen Tucker).



# Nursery Volunteer Sign-up

School Year Months: October 1--April 30

*Children are never too young to begin experiencing the love of God and sensing that they are a part of the body of Christ. The nursery ministry is an effort to care for the physical needs of children and to provide a place where children are appreciated as part of Christ's body.*

*Please complete the following survey if you are able to help in the nursery. We will gladly use you as a volunteer if:*

- 1) you are willing to go through an application/screening process;*
- 2) you are willing to attend required training meetings; and*
- 3) you attend HWC regularly.*

*Thank you for your part in this ministry of love for Christ and the little ones. He has entrusted to us. The completed survey can be sent intracampus to the church office or put in the offering plate as soon as possible. Thanks.*

*There must be two adult (18 or older) volunteers for each service. You may be a third volunteer if you are 14-17 years old. You may accompany your parent(s) if you are under 14. Please indicate your age if you are under 18.*

### **Please completely fill out the information below:**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 18 or older \_\_\_\_\_ Age if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address/CPO Box # \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_
3. During the school months (October 1-April 30) I would be willing to work:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ every week \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 service  
 \_\_\_\_\_ every other week \_\_\_\_\_ 9:45 Discipleship Hour  
 \_\_\_\_\_ once each month \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00 service  
 \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_
4. Dates I will **not** be available from October 1--April 30 (college and academy students will not be scheduled during class breaks):  
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*Perhaps you are not sure of your schedule. Please don't hesitate to sign up anyway. It is easy to switch with someone else should you find that you are unavailable when you are scheduled.*

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### ***Your Grace is Enough***

Great is Your faithfulness, O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters  
and to mercy  
and nothing can keep us apart

#### CHORUS:

So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, O God  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song  
of Your salvation  
and all Your people sing along

#### [CHORUS 2x]

Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaching down to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God, I see Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me

### ***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.  
Come and lay down  
the burdens you have carried,  
for in this sanctuary, God is here

### ***I Will Give You Rest***

I will give you rest  
for your weary soul  
If you only come to me  
I will make you whole (3x)

### ***No Longer Slaves***

You unravel me with a melody  
You surround me with a song  
of deliverance from my enemies  
'Til all my fears are gone

#### CHORUS:

I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

From my mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name  
I've been born again  
Into Your family  
Your blood flows through my veins

#### [CHORUS 2x]

You split the sea  
So I could walk right through it  
My fears are drowned in perfect  
love  
You rescued me  
So I could stand and say  
I am a child of God [2x]

#### [CHORUS]

### ***How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place (Psalm 84)***

O, Lord of Hosts,  
How lovely is your dwelling place;  
I cry aloud, I long for your abode.  
The joys of earth  
have left my soul unsatisfied;  
My heart and flesh  
desire the living God.  
Within your walls  
the sparrow finds a nesting place,  
That near your altars  
she may have her young.  
How happy those who dwell within  
your house, O Lord, by whom  
your holy praises are forever sung!

How happy those who have in you  
the strength they need,  
and in whose heart are  
Zion's pathways found.  
The desert wastes,  
they make a land of water-springs,  
'Till autumn rains  
refresh the barren ground.  
From strength to strength  
they journey on their pilgrimage,  
until in God's own presence  
they appear.  
O, Lord of hosts,  
do good to your anointed one;  
receive my earnest prayer:  
O, God of Jacob, hear!

How better, far, a single day  
within your courts  
than thousands spent  
in any other way.  
I'd rather wait upon the steps  
beside your door,  
than pitch my tent  
where wickedness holds sway.  
For like a shield the Lord defends  
and covers us;  
he gives us grace and  
crowns with glory, too.  
And nothing good withholds  
from those that walk aright.  
O Lord of Hosts,  
how happy all who trust in you!