

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

8:30 OUTDOOR SERVICE

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*Speak to the Mountains, You are God Alone, This is My Father's World*

Welcome & Announcements

Celebration of Ministry: Global Partners (Vienna)

Scripture: Exodus 1 (spoken in French)

*These are the names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt with Jacob, each with his family: Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah; Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin; Dan and Naphtali; Gad and Asher. The descendants of Jacob numbered seventy in all; Joseph was already in Egypt.*

*Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, but the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them.*

*Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country."*

*So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites and worked them ruthlessly. They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.*

*The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, "When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"*

*The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive. "So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.*

*Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."*

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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: *There is a Balm in Gilead*

Greeting One Another

Sermon: *When You Feel the Reality of Evil*

**King of Kings**

Benediction

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Reader: Katrina Koehler

Musicians:

Cody Johnson (vocal), Robin Pawling (vocal), Grace Deitrick (vocal), Christopher Moeller (guitar),  
Gabe Huizenga (cajón & recorder), David Huizenga (keyboard)

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The Psalmist proclaims: "The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and is armed with strength... Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity" (93:1-2). We worship today to affirm the Psalmist's proclamation—with our words and with our lives. As we worship God the Father Almighty, may His Spirit fill us with the joy of worship that we might go forth to live in the presence of His power and love.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes explores the story of another biblical character: David's brother, Eliab. We encounter him primarily in 1 Samuel 17 and it leads us to ask *When You Feel Overshadowed*. Please join us for outdoor worship 8:30 a.m. and for indoor/streaming worship at 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour, Youth Sunday School and Kids Connect is at 9:45 a.m.

#### **UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

##### **September 17 – September 24**

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship

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

11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

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

- **9:45 a.m. This week we will be in Matthew**
- **6-8pm tonight - See you at YG!**

#### **HWC KIDS - -**

Kids Connect: We had a GREAT week with you all last week! See you again this Sunday at 9:45am. This week, kids see how God helped Moses lead the Israelites out of Egypt and through the Red Sea. BIG IDEA: God leads us to safety.

BIBLE: Exodus 13:17-15:21; Psalm91

September Memory Verse: "Show me your ways Lord, teach me your paths." Psalm 25:4

**MISSION MOMENT** – Mission Moment – Our partner, Stacia, in Eastern Europe requests urgent prayer this week for comings and goings of faithful servants and potential new team members. These transitions are critical to the ongoing ministry of this small band of Christian workers among in a challenging context.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – We pray as tens of thousands are impacted by flooding and earthquakes in Libya and Morocco -- nations overwhelmingly Suni Muslim and which prohibit Christian activity. Yet the tiny minority of local and expat Believers are boldly responding with the compassion of Christ. Outside Christian agencies are sending aide by partnering with networks on site to bring shelter, medicine, and comfort. We may respond through [www.worldhope.org](http://www.worldhope.org) or [www.horizonsinternational.org](http://www.horizonsinternational.org).

**STEWARDSHIP**     **Budget Needed:** \$250,759.65 / **Budget Received:** \$230,663.46

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Joe Scarcella (Ken and Karen Gaerte's son-in-law), James Bates, 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 Elijah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Crikelair; for all dealing with tragedies and disasters; 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 Joy Community Church, Machias (Pastor Judy Gallegos).

For more information about church activities, visit our website: [www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org).

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## Children's Sermon

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



## *Speak to the Mountains*

Why would I worry  
When giants come calling my name?  
My God is so much bigger than troubles I face  
Why would I hunger  
For power or riches or fame?  
My God is so much better than all of these things

CHORUS:

I won't be shaken, I won't be moved  
My God is faithful, his promises true  
So I speak to the mountains,  
"Oh it's time to move!  
My God is bigger, better, stronger than you!"

My enemies scatter  
since they know the battle is done  
My God is stronger, vict'ry is already won  
He died for my ransom  
And rose up on the third day  
My God is greater than death, hell, and the grave

[CHORUS]

BRIDGE:

There's no mountain to high  
There's no valley to low  
There's no fear that I have  
He does not fully know  
There's no problem to big,  
There's no weapon to strong  
There is nothing for God that's impossible

[CHORUS]

"My God is bigger, better, stronger, greater,  
Bigger, better, stronger, greater than you!"

## *You are God Alone*

You are not a God created by human hands  
You are not a God dependent on any mortal man  
You are not a God in need of anything we can give  
By your plan, that's just the way it is

CHORUS:

You are God alone, from before time began  
You were on your throne, you are God alone  
And right now, in the good times and bad  
You are on your throne, you are God alone

You're the only God whose power, none can contend  
You're the only God whose name and praise will never end  
You're the only God who's worthy of everything we can give  
You are God, that's just the way it is

[CHORUS]

BRIDGE:

You're unchangeable, you're unshakable,  
You're unstoppable; that's who you are (4x)

[CHORUS, BRIDGE 1x]

## *This is My Father's World*

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heav'n be one.

## *There is a Balm in Gilead*

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul  
Sometimes I feel discouraged,  
and think my work's in vain  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again

## *King of Kings*

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope, without light  
'Til from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets to a virgin came the word  
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

CHORUS: Praise the Father, praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, three in one  
God of glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in your suffering you saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake you died

[CHORUS]

And the morning that You rose all of Heaven held its breath  
'Til that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe for the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint  
By His blood and in His name in His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

[CHORUS]