

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
8:30 OUTDOOR SERVICE
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Cornerstone

Welcome & Announcements

Bless the Lord; Speak to the Mountains

College Ministry Update

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: ***Take Me As I Am***

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:12-32

Now David was the son of an Ephrathite named Jesse, who was from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had eight sons, and in Saul's time he was very old. Jesse's three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war: The firstborn was Eliab; the second, Abinadab; and the third, Shammah. David was the youngest. The three oldest followed Saul, but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand. Now Jesse said to his son David, "Take this ephah of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp. Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them. They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines."

Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were. As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in great fear.

Now the Israelites had been saying, "Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to defy Israel. The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his family from taxes in Israel." David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, "This is what will be done for the man who kills him."

When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle."

"Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?" He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before. What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him. David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

Greeting One Another

Sermon: *When You Feel Overshadowed*

Same God

Benediction

Reader: Susannah Denham

Musicians:

Evie Cox (vocal), Susannah Denham (vocal), Heidi Huizenga (vocal), Christopher Moeller (guitar), Dan Zambrano (cajón), David Huizenga (keyboard)

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The prophet Isaiah declares to God's people: "Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters... Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near" (55:1,6, NIV). As we ponder the gracious invitation of God for His people, may God inspire us to take Him up on His offer, knowing that He who calls us loves us and wants to do above and beyond what we are able to ask or imagine.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes explores the stories of people who are like us. Next week, the sermon focuses on Asaph, one of Israel's lead musicians: When You Feel that Worship Is Broken (1 Chronicles 15; Psalms 73-83). Next Sunday starts our fall/winter schedule of both services (8:30 and 11:00) indoors. Adult Discipleship Hour, Youth Sunday School and Kids Connect is at 9:45 a.m.

CONNECTING: If you are not currently receiving either a text or email for Pastor Wes's weekly letter, Pastor Wes's weekly video chat or other periodic updates (i.e., outdoor service weather updates) and would like to, please contact the church office (office@hwchurch.org/585-567-2264) and we will update your information.

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:** It's the last week of our September series - "Lead the Way"! This week, kids see how God provided food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness. **BIG IDEA:** God will lead us to what we need. **BIBLE:** Exodus 15:22-25, 16:1-16; Isaiah 41:17-20
- **Memory Verse:** We also have an exciting update to our Scripture memory challenge for the year. This year, each Kids Connect class has a specific color of pompom. When a student memorizes a verse, they get to add a pompom to a collective jar in the Primary Assembly room. When we fill the jar, we'll have a party (and your kids get to choose what it is!)! Kids should be bringing home a list of all of the verses for the year.
- **Harvest Festival:** Save the date for our annual Harvest Festival - Saturday, October 21st from 10-1. Donations of candy or individual sized snacks (pretzels, goldfish, animal crackers, etc.) can be dropped off at the Church office or Emily's office

MISSION MOMENT – Who is the youngest missionary HWC supports? She ministers in Bolton, England and this week Donna Zoller visited her ACORN AP work, a program for at-risk teens. As we thank God for Breanna, we pray that God would lead our youth and all of us in areas of service and witness to those in need at home and around the world.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Which is the first "Christian nation"? With roots all the way back to disciples Bartholomew and Thaddaeus in 301 CE Armenia officially declared itself a Christian country. After 70 years under communism (ending in 1991) and other trials today 94% would claim Christian affiliation. We pray that in spite of a complicated history, and being in the news again, vibrant Christian faith and witness of God's people would flourish.

STEWARDSHIP **Budget Needed:** \$267,476.96 / **Budget Received:** \$242,425.93

PRAYER CONCERNS: Pray for the family of Ken and Karen Gaerte (including Doug and Phyllis Gaerte and Emily and Michael Spateholts) at the death of their son-in-law, Joe Scarcella, on September 20, for the family of Dave O'Brien who died September 11 and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: 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 Eliyah 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 Hillside Wesleyan Church, Olean (Pastor Dan Todd).

For more information about church activities, visit our website: 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.



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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
And I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name

CHORUS: Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the 'whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay
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When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless, stand before the throne

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!"

Bless the Lord

Son of Man, Son of Righteousness,
King of the earth, for sinners slain
I was lost, in darkness bound,
Ransom my heart, and I will sing
(first time, repeat)

My Strength, my Deliverer,
The One who rescued me
My Hope, my Redeemer,
Your love has set me free!

Bless the Lord, O my soul! (4x)

Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am, summon out what I should be
Set your seal upon my heart, and live in me

Same God

I'm calling on the God of Jacob
Whose love endures through generations
I know that You will keep Your covenant
I'm calling on the God of Moses
The one who opened up the ocean
I need You now to do the same thing for me

CHORUS:
O God, my God, I need You
O God, my God, I need You now
How I need You now
O Rock, O Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness
On Your faithfulness

I'm calling on the God of Mary
Whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You all things are possible
I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous
I may not face Goliath
But I've got my own giants

[CHORUS]

You heard your children then, you hear your children now
*You are the same God, you are the same God

You answered prayers back then and you will answer now

You were providing then, you are providing now

You moved in power then; God, move in power now

You were a healer then, you are a healer now

You were a savior then, you are a savior now

[CHORUS 2x]

You freed the captives then, you're freeing hearts right now

You touched the lepers then, I feel Your touch right now

I'm calling on the Holy Spirit,
Almighty River, come and fill us again
Come and fill us again
Come and fill us again

