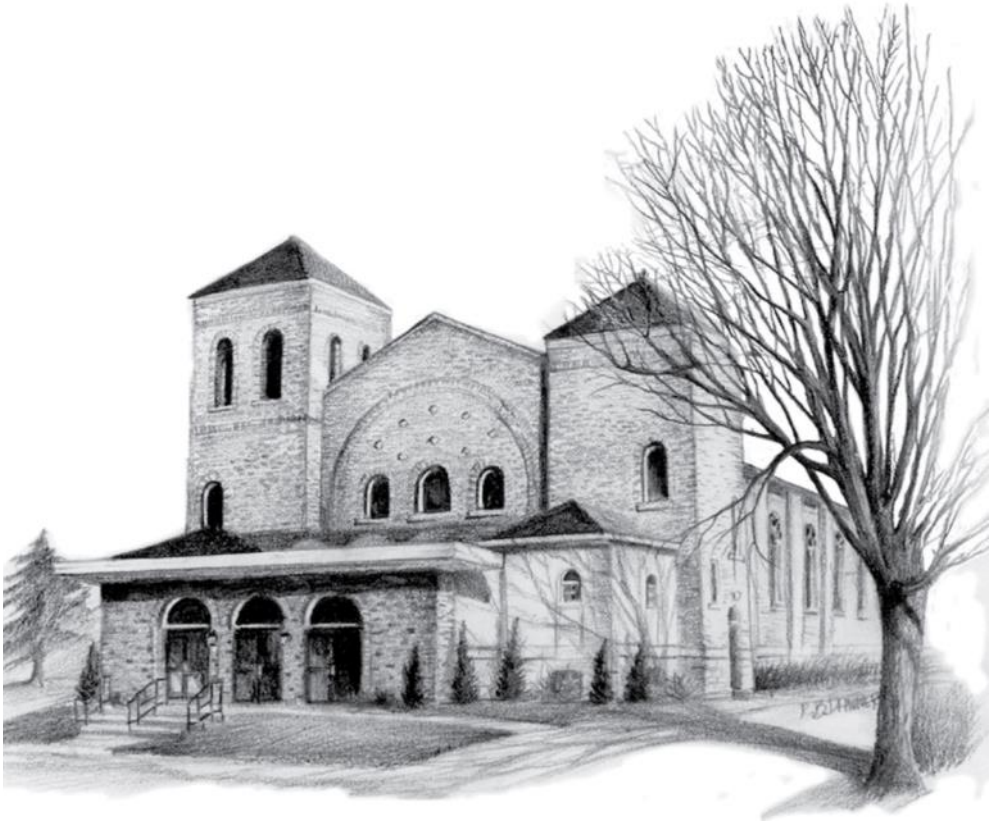




*Houghton*  
WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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JUDY CONGDON, *Organist and Choir Director*

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 8, 2023

11:00 A.M.

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Prelude: *God is Here*

Invocation & Greeting One Another

***There is Power in the Blood; Firm Foundation; I Thank God***

Children's Sermon: *The Greatest Commandment*

Celebration of Ministry: Youth

Confession & Time of Prayer

*Almighty Father, you are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As we lift him up here today, we also humble ourselves before you. We confess to you, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what you forbid. O Lord, please do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb, and empower us by your Spirit that we may live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise you that he was born like us so we might become like him. In the name of Jesus, Amen.*

Response: ***Tu Fidelidad***

Scripture: 2 Kings 7:3-17

Sermon: *When You Feel Blessed*

***Jesus We Love You***

Benediction

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**Acolyte:** Avery Chapman

**Reader:** Kayleigh Verspoor

## **Musicians:**

Pedro Costa Silva (vocal), Selah Kurtz (vocal),  
Nuri Park (vocal & guitar), Gabe Huizenga (cajòn),  
Kayleigh Verspoor (bass), Matt Arndt (piano)

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** We worship today because Christ who was dead is risen and all who believe in Him have life in Him. May God help us worship today so that we may go forth to live in His grace and power every day.

**WE WELCOME** today musicians from Koinonia, the weekly university worship ministry supported by HWC. Not only are their talents and enthusiastic leadership in worship a blessing, but this semester's invitation from HWC came on short notice at a time already very busy for them—Houghton University Homecoming weekend. Thank you, students, for your ministry today!

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes explores another of the stories of people who are like us. Next week's sermon focuses our attention on Zebedee, the father of James and John (Matthew 4 and John 1): When You Feel Your Plans Crumbling. Next Sunday we gather for worship at 8:30 and 11:00, both indoors. The 11:00 service will be streamed. Adult Discipleship Hour, Youth Sunday School and Kids Connect is at 9:45 a.m.

**KIDS CONNECT** Kids Connect: This week, kids hear about the ten commandments and God's rules for living. **BIG IDEA:** We can love God and others. **BIBLE:** Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20; Matthew 22:34–40

- October Memory Verse: "I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." — Isaiah 43:19b (NIV)

### **YOUTH GROUP TODAY – STORM THE HEIGHTS! - 3:33-5:55**

- This full-contact [capture-the-flag type game](#) will leave you bruised, muddy, and hungry! Luckily, we will also have delicious chili and cornbread and a warm bonfire! Starts at 3:33 pm! Bring your game face and be ready to get dirty! [Permission Slip](#) and close-toed shoes **Required!** If you would like to help provide chili, cornbread, or dessert for this event, please contact Pastor Jon!

**SATURDAY A memorial service for Richard, Lillian, and Tim Fuller** will be held at the Houghton Wesleyan Church on October 14 at 10:30 AM. Streaming begins at 10:15 a.m The family will receive guests in the church foyer prior to the service beginning at 9:30 AM. A private family burial will be held at Mount Pleasant cemetery.

**THE HWC CHOIR** is open to all who are interested. Rehearsals take place every other Tuesday (October 10 is the next rehearsal), 7:00pm in the church sanctuary. Feel free to show up or contact Judy Congdon ([judy.congdon@houghton.edu](mailto:judy.congdon@houghton.edu)) or the church office (585-567-2264). We are grateful to Judy and the choir for their part in leading us in worship.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

**Budget Needed:** \$300,911.58 / **Budget Received:** \$266,573.38

**MISSION MOMENT** – We support Global Partner (Wesleyan) missionaries in S.E. Asia, Sri Lanka, Australia, Zambia and Eastern Europe. And we support World Hope International, a relief and development arm of the Wesleyan Church. How wonderful that those two groups partner in many places where there is limited access for missionaries. So today we pray that this PARTNERSHIP between God, his workers and our prayers linking around the world will bear much fruit. (See Philippians 1:5).

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – What country consists of 68% Buddhist, 13% Hindu, 9% Muslim alongside a 9% Christian minority? What a challenge for Christians! Rarely do people convert, but Christianity is growing. And persecution including attacks on churches and Christian institutions is rising throughout the country. Let us pray for our Wesleyan handful of congregations under Rev. Cedric Rodrigo's leadership.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Betsy Webb, Paul Roth, Matthew Pierson (Kim Prins-Moeller's brother-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 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 Christ Chapel Wesleyan Church, Silver Creek (Pastor Anson Miller).

Houghton Wesleyan Church's

# HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 21st  
10AM - 1PM

FOOD  
HAYRIDES  
SOUP COOKOFF  
BOUNCE HOUSE  
GAMES & PRIZES



Neighborhood OUTREACH EVENT AT NO COST

## HWC Annual Harvest Festival

Join us for our annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 21st from 10-1. Food, hayrides, fire truck, games and prizes, bounce house, crafts, face paint, VPS open house and quiet activities, soup cook-off, and so much more!

Donations of candy or individually wrapped snacks (i.e. pretzels, gold fish, gummies, etc.) can be dropped off at the Church office or the basket in CE building foyer.

Do you like to bake or cook? We are looking for baked goods to help make the Harvest Festival a success. We are also having a soup cook-off. To contribute baked goods or to participate in our soup cook-off (prizes for winners!), sign up today!

Contact Andrea Tanner (call or text 585-322-6887) regarding the food or Emily Spateholts (kidsmin@hwchurch.org) with general questions. Please drop all items off at the Church by Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.  
<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/MNBK2950>

