FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 23, 2024

8:30 OUTDOOR SERVICE

LISTEN AT 106.9 FM

Light of the World
(Blue Offering Boxes are available on the back table)

Call to Worship

Praise; Is He Worthy?

Time of Prayer

Response: ***I Love to Tell the Story***

Scripture Reading: John 8:12-20, 27-30

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid." Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me." Then they asked him, "Where is your father?" "You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come…They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father. So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him." Even as he spoke, many believed in him.

Life of the Church

Greeting One Another

Sermon: **Truthful Testimony**
Pastor David Huizenga

My Story

Benediction

Musicians:
Lydia Rech, Mike Cox, Grace Deitrick, vocals; Kevin Dibble, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, keyboard & vocals; Dianna Clem, flute;
David Clem, viola; Dan Zambrano, cajón
Scripture Reader: Jeff Prentice

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Each day we face the struggles of living in a fallen world and are acutely aware of the need for God's presence and help. God promises His presence in each of our lives. We gather today to remember all that God has done and all that He has promised to do and to worship Him for who He is.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Dr. Andy Walton, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Houghton University, will preach.

STAFF VACATIONS: Pastors Wes and Cindy will be on vacation this coming week.

FIRESIDE CHATS FOR MARRIED COUPLES continue this Sunday evening at 6:00 pm. For the next 5 week we'll converse about a different topic. Open to all couples—new or experienced, wisdom-givers or struggling, you are welcome. Location is outside at the church, weather permitting. Message Jon Cole with questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY – Please pray for 12 members of the youth group as they travel to the city of Niagara Falls for a short-term missions trip June 30-July 5. They'll be working with city churches and organizations like Habitat for Humanity and Project CURE. You can help by donating travel-sized hygiene items for distribution to the homeless. Drop off your donations at the church anytime between now and 2 pm on June 30th Also, check out the church website and register for summer youth events (Kingdom Bound & Adirondack Adventure Trip). Deadlines for registration are July 1st.

STEWARDSHIP – Budget Needed: $43,042.25 / **Budget Received:** $39,019.60

MISSIONS MOMENT – Kevin and Cindy Austin (Europe/USA with Global Partners) ask for prayer for extensive summer travels from NY to Tennessee and especially for God to guide in finding long term housing. (See the Summer 2024 edition of Missionary Mailbag for more praise and prayer requests from our missionaries).

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Would sharing your faith with your neighbor present a risk to national security? Turkey's highest court ruled so and backed the expulsion of nine foreign Christian leaders for doing so. This is the latest in Turkey's effort to curb the growth of Christianity within its borders. We pray for a successful appeal (see International Christian Concern for more information).

ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP

- Camp is just a few weeks away and the RFKC leaders are still looking for donations of old iPhones. Any iPhone that is able to hold a charge and still has a functional camera is appreciated. The children treasure their photo albums and your old phones will help camp staff capture candid photos efficiently.
- Feel free to drop off phones at the church office
- If you have questions, please contact Amy Tetta: amytetta@gmail.com

HWC KIDS

- There is no children's church this Sunday as we honor our HWC Kids volunteers with a Thank You Brunch!
- Digital curriculum is sent via email to families every Friday morning to be used at home while Kids Connect is on summer break. If you do not receive these and would like to, please email kidsmin@hwchurch.org to be added to the mailing list.
- Regular Children's Church resumes next week during the 8:30 service and Nursery is provided at 8:30 & 10:00.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for all with health concerns: Jane Roeske, Jack and Linda Leax, Patty Stalker, Jim Arthur, Beth Pocock, Kyle Boon, Paul and Linda Roth, James Bates, Terry Ayers, Scarlett Gildemeister, Kim Pegula, Karen Gaerte, Denise Zambrano, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Dan and Sarah Gurley, Chelsea Ellis, Mark Mayhle, Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Crikelair; for refugees throughout the world; for protection, wisdom and peace in Ukraine, the Middle East and other places of war; for Birdsall Community Church, Angelica.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 23 – August 25
8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship
10:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

August 11
10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship / Pig Roast and Picnic

September 2 – October 27
8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship
11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

September 9
9:45 a.m. Discipleship Hour restarts

For more information about church activities, to read Pastor Wes's weekly letter, or to watch Pastor Wes's weekly video, to receive periodic updates, visit our website: www.hwchurch.org.

Light of The World

Verse 1
The whole world was lost
in the darkness of sin
The Light of the world is Jesus
Like sunshine at noonday
His glory shone in
The Light of the world is Jesus

Verse 2
No darkness for those
who in Jesus abide
The Light of the world is Jesus
We walk in the Light
if we follow our Guide
The Light of the world is Jesus

Chorus
Come to the Light
It's shining for thee
Sweetly the Light
has dawned upon me
Once I was blind
but now I can see
The Light of the world,
the Light of the world is Jesus

Verse 3
You dwellers in darkness
with sin-blinded eyes
The Light of the world is Jesus
Come wash in His fountain
and light will arise
The Light of the world is Jesus

Chorus

Bridge
The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light
On those in the land
of deep darkness
a light has dawned
As children of our Holy Father,
may we live each day
As children of the Light,
children of the day!

Verse 4
No need of the sunlight
in heaven, we're told
The Light of the world is Jesus
The Lamb is the light
in the city of gold
The Light of the world is Jesus

Chorus

Praise

Verse 1
I'll praise in the valley
Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure
Praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered
Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water
Anxieties drown in

As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to

Chorus
Praise the Lord, oh my soul
Praise the Lord, oh my soul

Verse 2
I'll praise when I feel it
And I'll praise when I don't
I'll praise 'cause I know
You're still in control
'Cause my praise is an offering
It's more than a sound
My praise is the shout
That brings Jericho down

As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to

Chorus
Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul

Bridge
I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose
and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody
greater than You (2x)

Chorus
Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul (2x)
I won't be quiet, my God is alive
How could I keep it inside
I won't be quiet, my God is alive
How could I keep it inside
I won't be quiet, my God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul

Is He Worthy

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.
But do you know that all the dark
won't stop the light from getting through?
We do.
Do you wish that you could see it all
made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.
Is a new creation coming? It is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be
the light within our midst? It is.
Is it good that we remind
ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave
Is He worthy? Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is

Does the Father truly love us? He does.
Does the Spirit move among us? He does.
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever
those He loves? He does.
Does our God intend
to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave

From ev'ry people and tribe
every nation and tongue
He has made us
a kingdom and priests
to God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this? He is! He is!
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
He is! He is!
He is worthy! He is worthy! He is!

I Love to Tell The Story

I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above
Of Jesus and His glory
Of Jesus and His love
I love to tell the story
Because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do

I love to tell the story
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old old story
Of Jesus and His love

I love to tell the story
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest
And when in scenes of glory
I sing the new new song
'Twill be the old old story
That I have loved so long
Chorus

My Story

Verse 1
If I told you my story
You would hear hope
that wouldn't let go
And if I told you my story
You would hear love
that never gave up
And if I told you my story
You would hear life
but it wasn't mine

If I should speak
Then let it be

Chorus
(For) Of the grace that is greater
Than all my sin
Of when justice was served
And when mercy wins
Of the kindness of Jesus
that draws me in
Oh to tell you my story
is to tell of Him

Verse 2
If I told you my story
You would hear
victr'y over the enemy
And if I told you my story
You would hear freedom
that was won for me

And if I told you my story
You would hear life
overcome the grave

If I should speak
Then let it be

Chorus

Bridge
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long (2x)

Chorus

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