FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30AM August 25, 2024
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To God be the Glory

Welcome

O Praise the Name; A Thousand Hallelujahs

Time of Prayer

Response: ***Above All***

Scripture Reading: Psalm 148

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created, and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away. Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD.

Celebration of Ministry: Banding Groups

Life of the Church

Greeting One Another

Sermon: **Universal Praise**
Pastor Wes Oden

How Great is Our God

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Lynlee VanWicklin

Musicians:
Joanna Bates, Luke Ogden, vocals; Kevin Dibble, keyboard & vocals;
Caleb Hilsher, guitar; Simon Sardina, cajón

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.

ICE CREAM GATHERING TODAY: Ice Cream Kick-off at 3:00 P.M. Please join us for ice cream and fellowship on the north side of the church. The church will provide ice cream and toppings. This is an opportunity to reconnect with others and to welcome Houghton University students who are on campus early. Please use the south side of the church to enter and park for the Ice Cream Kick-off as we will have the north side blocked off for this gathering. We invite you to bring lawn chairs or a blanket if you want. If it rains, we will meet in the Community Room/Gym in the Church. Thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes begins a series of sermons in the Book of Genesis: Where It All Began. Next week's sermon begins at the beginning (Genesis 1-2): Creation's Enduring Story. Join us for outdoor

worship 8:30 a.m. and for indoor/streaming worship at 11:00 a.m.

HWC Kids –

- This week in Children's Church, kids see how Nathan confronted David to realize his wrongdoing. BIG IDEA: Forgiveness is always God's game plan. BIBLE: 2 Samuel 11:26–12:13; Psalm 34:15–22
- August Memory Verse: "But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations." — Psalm 33:11 (NIV)
- We have an AMAZING kids ministry team for this coming year, but sometimes they need a break during the school year due to travel or sickness! Would you be willing to be a substitute for HWC Kids (Children's Church or Kids Connect), serving just a couple of times a semester? Contact Emily if you are interested - EmilySpateholts@hwchurch.org.

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Please note that next Sunday our second service moves to 11:00a.m.

September 1 – October 27

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship / 11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

September 8

9:45 a.m. Discipleship Hour restarts

VALLEY PRESCHOOL at Houghton Wesleyan has openings for children ages two (by September 1st) to five years old for the 2024-25 school year! We meet mid-September to mid-June on Monday through Friday mornings from 9:00 - 11:45 with enrollment options for two mornings (Tuesdays & Thursdays), three mornings (Monday, Wednesday, & Friday), or five mornings (Monday - Friday) per week. Tuition discounts and partial scholarships are available. See Important Information for Prospective Student Families on the church website HERE. (www.hwchurch.org/valley-preschool/)

CONNECTING: We are in the process of updating email addresses and phone numbers for texting so that everyone who desires receives information from the church. If you are not currently receiving either a text or email for Pastor Wes's weekly letter, weekly video chat, and the monthly *Highlights* newsletter, and would like to do so, please fill out the insert with your preference or contact the church office (585-567-2264) and we will update your information.

MISSION MOMENT – Though currently serving in Zambia, Kris and Cory Thede recently reminded us of their friends, Pastors and workers in Haiti who continue to faithfully serve churches, ag work, children's ministries, and medical work and even miraculously complete advanced training in the midst of the civil chaos. We pray for success of arriving Kenyan troops to help bring about law and order in the land. Our WNY District is joining the Wesleyan family in sending financial support to brothers and sisters there.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – The unsettled and tenuous situation in the Middle East impacts Christians in unique ways. Anger, revenge, and desperation all tend to raise levels of persecution on Christian minorities. May the light of Christ shine from their lives even as God supplies their serious needs for safety and shalom in many lands in the region.

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: $197,994.35 / Budget Received: $178,376.15

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for all with health concerns: Jack and Linda Leax, 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 First Day Baptist Church, Richburg (Pastor Larry Allen).

To God be the Glory

Verse 1
To God be the glory
great things He has done
So loved He the world
that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life
an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate
that all may go in

Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory
great things He has done

Verse 2
O perfect redemption
the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus
a pardon receives

Chorus

Verse 3
Great things He has taught us
Great things He has done
And great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher
and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport
when Jesus we see

Chorus

O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name
of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days
we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

Chorus

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Chorus

A Thousand Hallelujahs

Verse 1
Who else would rocks
cry out to worship
Whose glory taught
the stars to shine
Perhaps creation longs
to have the words to sing
But this joy is mine

Chorus
With a thousand hallelujahs
We magnify Your name
You alone deserve the glory
The honor and the praise
Lord Jesus this song
is forever Yours
A thousand hallelujahs
And a thousand more

Verse 2
Who else would die
for our redemption
Whose resurrection means I'll rise
There isn't time enough
to sing of all You've done
But I have eternity to try

Chorus

Bridge
Praise to the Lord
To the Lamb
To the King of heaven
Praise for He rose
Now He reigns
We will sing forever
(Repeat)

Chorus

Above All

Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature
and all created things
Above all wisdom
and all the ways of man
You were here
before the world began

Above all kingdoms
above all thrones
Above all wonders
the world has ever known
Above all wealth
and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure
What You're worth

Crucified laid behind the stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall
and thought of me
Above all

How Great is Our God

Verse 1
The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus
How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2
And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Bridge
Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Chorus

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❑ Changes to Service Schedule (Weather, etc.)	❑	❑
❑ Children's Ministry Announcements	❑	❑
❑ College Ministry Announcements	❑	❑
❑ Men's Ministry Announcements	❑	❑
❑ Monthly Highlights (digital issue)	❑	❑
❑ Monthly Highlights (print/postal issue)		
❑ Pastor Wes' Weekly Video	❑	❑
❑ Special Events Information	❑	❑
❑ Weekly Information Newlsetter	❑	❑
❑ Women's Ministry Announcements	❑	❑
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