SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30AM September 8, 2024

Welcome

I Thank God; Death Was Arrested; Lord, I Need You

Time of Prayer

Response: ***All in All***

Scripture Reading: Genesis 3 (selected verses)

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"
The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, **3** but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"
"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. **5** "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.
Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"
He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."
And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"
The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."
Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"
The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Celebration of Ministry: Back to School Blessing

Life of the Church

Greeting One Another

Sermon: **Consequences**
Pastor Wes Oden

Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Eleison

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Jack Cool

Musicians:
Emily Quick, Betsy Webb, vocals; Evelyn Simanowski, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, keyboard & vocals; Dianna Clem, flute; Simon Sardina, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist proclaims: "Blessed is the one who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in His commands" (112:1). We come to worship today because we want to delight in God whose commands are given out of His heart of love. We pray that you experience the joy of God as we worship together.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes moves us to Genesis 4, focusing on the stories of Cain and Lamech: *Sorry, Not Sorry.* 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.

HWC KIDS

- Kids Connect begins on Sunday at 9:45am! Kids ages 2-4 and 6th grade can go directly to their classrooms. Kids in grades K-5th start in the Primary Assembly room! Can't wait to see you there! - This week in Children's Church and Kids Connect, kids hear about how Solomon became king and asked God for wisdom. BIG IDEA: God listens to our requests. BIBLE: 1 Kings 3:1–15; Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23
- Interested and willing to teach PreK-1st graders about Jesus once or twice a month? We would like to offer Children's Church during the 11:00 service but still need to fill some volunteer positions. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Emily at EmilySpateholts@hwchurch.org.

YOUTH UPDATES

- **Sunday School:** no Youth Sunday School this week. Parents meet in the youth room 9:45 (preview plans, ask questions, sign annual permission form)
- Next week, Sept. 15th, youth go to Kaleidoscope to hear the HWC stories presentation while youth volunteer staff meet in the youth room.
- **Prayer Breakfast Begins This Wednesday at 7am**
- **Youth Group:** due to weather we will not do the foam party for our Youth Group kickoff this Sunday. Instead, we'll meet at the church for outdoor games, pizza, and a bonfire…3:30-5:30.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 8 – September 29
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 6 – December 15
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

MISSION MOMENT: Chris and Melissa George – in Perth, Australia--send praise for safe travels home for all their interns who helped this year and praise for summer camps where a young girl accepted Jesus after hearing about Him for the first time in her life. Chris and Melissa would appreciate continued prayers for the ongoing health issues they are going through.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Luka Binniyat, 58, is a veteran journalist known for his courageous coverage of the massacres of Christians in southern Kaduna, part of Nigeria's Middle Belt. He has been imprisoned multiple times over the years for his reporting on the persecution of Christians. We pray for safety and perseverance for Luka as he persists in his journalistic "calling" in support of Christians in Nigeria.

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: $232,428.15 / Budget Received: $210,249.68

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family and friends of Jack Leax (***The memorial service for Jack Leax will be Saturday, September 14, 2:00pm. There will not be visitation prior but there will be a reception afterwards in the Community Room.***) and for all who are grieving; for all with health concerns: Peter Lingenfelter, Linda Leax, Beth Pocock, 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 Bolivar United Methodist Church (Pastor Dawn Quesenberry).

I Thank God

Verse 1
Wandering into the night
wanting a place to hide
This weary soul this bag of bones
I try with all of my might
But I just can't win the fight
I'm slowly drifting a vagabond

And just when I ran out of the road
I met a man I didn't know
And He told me that I was not alone

Chorus
You picked me up
You turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground
I thank the Master I thank the Savior
Because You healed my heart
You changed my name
Forever free I'm not the same
I thank the Master I thank the Savior
I thank God

Verse 2
I cannot deny what I've seen
Got no choice but to believe
My doubts are burnin'
like ashes in the wind
So, so long to my old friends
burden and bitterness
You can just keep them moving
Nah you ain't welcome here

From now till I walk streets of gold
I'll sing of how You saved my soul
This wayward one
has found (his/her) way back home

Chorus

Bridge (Sing 4x)
Hell lost another one I am free
I am free, I am free

Chorus

Death Was Arrested

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope
with no place to begin
Your love made a way
to let mercy come in
When death was arrested
and my life began
Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet
my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested
and my life began

Oh Your grace so free
washes over me
You have made me new
now life begins with You
It's Your endless love
pouring down on us
You have made us new
now life begins with You

Released from my chains
I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom
He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt
and He called me His friend
When death was arrested
and my life began

Chorus

Our Savior displayed
on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced
as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose
with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested
and my life began

Chorus

Oh we're free, free, forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free, free, forever amen
When death was arrested
and my life began

Lord I Need You

Verse 1
Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus
Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2
Where sin runs deep
Your grace is more
Where grace is found
is where You are
And where You are, Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Bridge
So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And ‘cause I cannot stand
I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And ‘cause I cannot stand
I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus

You Are My All in All

You are my strength
when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin,
my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Chorus

Kyrie Eleison

Verse 1
For the things we’ve done
and left undone
For the ways we’ve wandered
from Your heart
Forgive us we pray,
Forgive us we pray

For the idols we put
on Your throne
For the loves we choose
above Your own
Forgive us we pray,
Forgive us we pray

Chorus
Lord have mercy,

Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us, on us
Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on us, on us

Verse 2
For the lies that we
clutch to our chests
For the fear that
wants to steal our breath
Forgive us we pray,
and give us Your grace

Chorus

Bridge
Forgiving God,
Forgiving us (Sing 4x)

Chorus

Nursery Volunteer Sign-up

School Year Months: October 1--April 30

Children are never too young to begin experiencing the love of God and sensing that they are a part of the body of Christ. The nursery ministry is an effort to care for the physical needs of children and to provide a place where children are appreciated as part of Christ's body.

Please complete the following survey if you are able to help in the nursery. We will gladly use you as a volunteer if:

1) you are willing to go through an application/screening process;
2) you are willing to attend required training meetings; and
3) you attend HWC regularly.

Thank you for your part in this ministry of love for Christ and the little ones. He has entrusted to us. The completed survey can be sent intracampus to the church office or put in the offering plate as soon as possible. Thanks.

There must be two adult (18 or older) volunteers for each service. You may be a third volunteer if you are 14-17 years old. You may accompany <u>your</u> parent(s) if you are under 14. Please indicate your age if you are under 18.

Please completely fill out the information below:

1. Name_____18 or older _____ Age if under 18____
2. Address/CPO Box #_____
   Phone number _____
   Email address_____
3. During the school months (October 1-April 30) I would be willing to work:

____every week	____8:30 service
____every other week	____9:45 Discipleship Hour
____once each month	____11:00 service
____other_____	

4. Dates I will **not** be available from October 1--April 30 (college and academy students will not be scheduled during class breaks):

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Perhaps you are not sure of your schedule. Please don't hesitate to sign up anyway. It is easy to switch with someone else should you find that you are unavailable when you are scheduled.