SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30AM September 15, 2024

Welcome

May the Peoples Praise You; Faithful Now; Champion

Time of Prayer

Response: ***Show Us Christ***

Scripture Reading: Genesis 4

Eve gave birth to Cain and later she gave birth to his brother Abel. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. And Abel also brought an offering from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry. Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. The Lord said to Cain, "Because you have taken the life of your brother, you are under a curse and driven from the ground…. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

But the Lord said to him, "Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over." Then the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. So Cain went out from the Lord's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Cain's wife gave birth to Enoch. Enoch was the father of Irad, who was the father of Mehujael, who was the father of Methushael, who was the father of Lamech. Lamech married two women, one named Adah and the other Zillah. Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock. His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play stringed instruments and pipes. Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain's sister was Naamah.

Lamech said to his wives,

"Adah and Zillah, listen to me; wives of Lamech, hear my words.
I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me.
If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times."

Adam's wife gave birth to another son and named him Seth, saying, "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him." Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh.

At that time people began to call on the name of the Lord.

Celebration of Ministry: Celebrate Recovery

Life of the Church

Greeting One Another

Children in grades PreK-1st are dismissed for Children's Church

Sermon: **Sorry, Not Sorry**
Pastor Wes Oden

My Worth is Not in What I Own

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Matt Webb

Musicians:
Kristen Sanasith, Indi Knapp, vocals;
Matt Cox, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, keyboard & vocals;
Tim & Sharon McGarvey, horns; Dan Zambrano, cajón

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Henry Karl Reusser on July 26 to parents Alison and George and siblings Izzy, Aggie, Paul, and Fred.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist proclaims: "The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and is armed with strength… Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity" (93:1-2). We worship today to affirm the Psalmist's proclamation—with our words and with our lives. As we worship God the Father Almighty, may His Spirit fill us with the joy of worship that we might go forth to live in the presence of His power and love.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes turns our attention to Genesis 11, focusing on the story of The Tower of Babel: *Look at Us.* Join us for outdoor worship at 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

- We had a GREAT first week of Kids Connect! Thank you for letting our wonderful team serve your amazing children. Hope to see you again this week at 9:45am.
- This week in HWC Kids, kids hear about how Solomon built a temple to worship God.
  BIG IDEA: God is worthy of our worship. BIBLE: 2 Chronicles 5:1–14; James 3:9–12
- September Memory Verse: "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."—James 1:5 (NIV)
  Our first "Preteen Hangout" for grades 5th and 6th is this Sunday, Sept. 15 from 6-8pm at the Church. Come for an informal time of food, fun, games, and prayer. Bring a friend!
- Kids Club "Under Construction" is Saturday, Sept. 21st from 9:30-11:00am for grades PreK-6th. Come for a small "touch-a-truck" opportunity and the chance to build with all sorts of different materials (legos, blocks, hammer/wood/nails, etc.).

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 15 – 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: Tobias Webb, son of Matt and Betsy Webb, will be working with Global Partners in Czechia on a short-term mission for three months. They will spread the gospel through Bible study groups, teaching English and building relationships. Praise God for supplying the needed funds. Pray for safe travels and that the Lord will work through each team member as they share God's Word with people.

PERSECUTED CHURCH Kimboti's husband was away working in the fields when Islamic militants attacked their village in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). She and her eight children were captured. "I started praying right away," she said. "In my prayers I felt the peace of God." Kimboti prayed aloud even as the Muslim extremists listened. Then, one evening a compassionate guard released them and showed them a path that would lead to a refugee camp. Soon afterward, Kimboti was reunited with her husband. "I felt just incredible joy," she said. (VOM)

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: $249,645.05 / **Budget Received:** $229,570.96

PRAYER CONCERNS: 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 Allentown United Methodist Church (Pastor Jennifer Grimes).

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.

STEWARDSHIP – A Life of Generosity

Financial Update for September 2024
Year-End Fiscal Report

Now that all of the information has been compiled, we want to give you an update on the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. We ended the year about $13,700 below our anticipated giving goal. If you followed our giving through the year, you would note that at one point in December we were $46,000 behind! Thank you for your generous giving.

In addition, our other revenues were about $4,700 above the anticipated amount, and our expenses were a little more than $11,000 below budget. The difference in these figures means that we ended the year with a surplus of $2,145.

Now, as we move forward into another fiscal year, we are challenging all of us to consider our level of generosity.

As you would assume, our fixed costs (utilities, insurance, office supplies, etc.) as well as our ministry costs have risen significantly. In the 2024-2025 Financial Plan we have accounted for these expenses and a modest raise for all of our church staff.

We recognize that God is the ultimate source of meeting our needs. We also recognize that God has generously given to all who follow him the joy and privilege of being stewards of what he has given us. Therefore, we challenge all of us who are connected to HWC to prayerfully consider how God might want us to express our generosity toward our church.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to be generous with God's gifts and thank you for your prayers for wisdom in using these gifts as agents of God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Please note that all financial reports are always available by contacting the church office.

The Stewardship Committee

Time.
Talent.
Treasure.

May The Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known
May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise
build lives of grace
To spread Your Word

Chorus

This our holy priv'lege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation tribe and tongue
Your church proclaim

Chorus

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy worthy is the
Lamb who was slain
Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise
Your glorious Name

Chorus

Faithful Now

Verse 1
I am holding on to faith
'Cause I know You'll make a way
And I don't always understand
And I don't always get to see
But I will believe it, I will believe it

Chorus
You make mountains move
You make giants fall
And You use songs of praise
To shake prison walls
And I will speak to my fear
I will preach to my doubt
That You were faithful then
You'll be faithful now

Verse 2
I am standing on Your Word
I'm calling heaven down to earth
And You will fight my enemies
And this will end in victory
And I will believe it
Yes I will believe it

Chorus

Bridge (sing 2x)
And I know that I know
You never fail
Yes I know that I know
You never will

Chorus (2x)

Champion

Verse 1
O Victory You have won
Victorious You have come
What was stolen
You brought back to us (Repeat)

Chorus
Our Champion You fight for us
You made a way
where there was none
Our Champion You're strong in us
The debt we owed You paid in blood

Verse 2
The One in whom we belong
We'll lift our voice join Your song
We were orphaned now forever Yours

Chorus

We will shout it out
from the mountaintops
That our God is good He has overcome
Let all the earth ev'ry tribe and tongue
We will sing it out He has overcome
(Repeat)

Chorus

Show Us Christ

Verse 1
Prepare our hearts O God
Help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us
'Cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in Your truth

Chorus
Show us Christ; show us Christ
O God reveal Your glory
Through the preaching
of Your Word
Until every heart confesses
Christ is Lord

Verse 2
Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise
Your Word is food
for famished ones
Freedom for the slave
Riches for the needy soul
Come speak to us today

Chorus

Bridge
Where else can we go, Lord?
Where else can we go?
You have the words of eternal life
(Sing 3x)

Chorus

My Worth is Not in What I Own

Verse 1
My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength
of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love
at the cross

Verse 2
My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
at the cross

Chorus
I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

Verse 3
As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

Verse 4
I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
at the cross

Chorus

Verse 5
Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid
at the cross

Chorus