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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30am Outdoor Service June 15, 2025

Welcome

Light of the World; What a Beautiful Name; Holy Forever

(Offering will be received during the third song)

Time of Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response: ***Speak, O Lord***

Scripture Reading: Daniel 7:1-18

1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he
was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream. 2 Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and
there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. 3 Four great beasts, each different from
the others, came up out of the sea.4 "The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its
wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a human being, and the mind
of a human was given to it.5 "And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up
on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, 'Get up and eat your fill of
flesh!'6 "After that, I looked, and there before me was another beast, one that looked like a leopard. And on its
back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule.7 "After
that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very
powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It
was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns. 8 "While I was thinking about the horns, there before
me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it.
This horn had eyes like the eyes of a human being and a mouth that spoke boastfully. 9 "As I looked, "thrones
were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head
was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. 10 A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before
him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. 11 "Then I continued to watch because of the boastful
words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the
blazing fire. 12 (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.)
13 "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, [a] coming with the clouds of
heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and
sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. The Interpretation of the Dream 15 "I,
Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. 16 I approached one of
those standing there and asked him the meaning of all this. "So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these
things: 17 'The four great beasts are four kings that will rise from the earth. 18 But the holy people of the Most
High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever—yes, for ever and ever.'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Celebration of Ministry: 6th Grade Catechism

Life of the Church

Greeting One Another

Sermon: **Lions and Leopards and Bears, Oh My!**
Dr. Andrew Walton

By Our Love

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Gabby Behen

Musicians:
Angelina Dowling, Bridget Walton, vocals;
Matt Cox, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; David Clem, viola;
Steve Olsen, bass; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist writes, "Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom" (145:3). We gather for worship today to proclaim once again that God is great and to offer him our highest praise. As we worship this morning, let us open our hearts and minds to him in praise, adoration, and celebration for who he is and for all that he has done.

GUEST SPEAKER: We welcome Dr. Andrew Walton, Assistant Professor of Old Testament at Houghton University, to our pulpit this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Jon Cole will preach, as we gather for worship at 8:30 am (Outdoors) and 10:00 am (Indoors/Streaming).

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 15 – August 24
8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship
10:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship
August 10
10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship/Pig Roast and Picnic
August 31 – October 28
8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship
11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship
September 7
9:45 a.m. Discipleship Hour restarts

HWC KIDS

- This week in Children's Church and in the online materials that go out to families on Thursdays, kids hear how Elijah ran away from Queen Jezebel and how God kept Elijah safe. BIG IDEA: God guides me when I'm scared. BIBLE: 1 Kings 19:1–9a; Psalm 85:8–13
- Children's Sermon can be accessed Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. at https://youtu.be/dTOJtIkrM_I
- Preteen Hangout: TONIGHT from 6-8pm for 4th-6th graders. See you there!
- Kids Club - next Saturday, June 21st from 9:30-11am

CATECHISM RECOGNITION: This morning in the 8:30 service we recognize the 6th grade catechism class on their hard work and dedication in memorizing over 100 questions and answers about our faith! Well done 6th graders and thank you to teacher, Harold Blew, and assistants, Michael and Rhoda Burgett.

MISSION MOMENT--Breanna serves with ACORN, and she teaches students struggling with trauma and social and emotional literacy. She praises God for her new work with ministry; she is able to teach in all the Centers. And asks for prayer for students in Bolton, UK where the school had to close down. Please pray, too, for needy youth as they attend Christian school to improve their behavior and academics so they can return to public school, Pray for needy teenagers as they attend a Christian school to improve their behavior and academics so they can return to the public school. Your prayers are much appreciated. Thank you!

CHURCH YARD SALE: Saturday, June 21 from 8am to noon in the Community Room.; All **donations** go toward the mission trip to Australia.

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: $25,990.74 / Budget Received $23,227.72

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for all with health concerns: David Mercer, Linda Roth, Jane Allen, Jane Roeske, Bruce Hess, Gary Wickard, Linda Leax, Beth Pocock, Paul and Linda Roth, James Bates, Terry Ayers, Scarlett Gildemeister, Kim Pegula, Karen Gaerte, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Dan and Sarah Gurley, Chelsea Ellis, Mark Mayhle, Jeshu, Kurtis, and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Crikelair; for protection, wisdom ,and peace in the Ukraine, Gaza, and many places of conflict; for our church and leadership during our anticipated arrival of Rev. Randy (and Robbie) Craker, our interim pastor; and for The Vine Wesleyan Church, Depew (Pastor Jason Argo)

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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

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

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

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
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!
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

What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word
at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1
What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want to leave us broken
So Jesus You became a man
Our sin was great;
Your love was greater
Now we're held within Your hand

Chorus 2
What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge 1
Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast
of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
Bridge 2
You have no rival; You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom;
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3
What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge 2, ***Chorus 3***

Holy Forever

A thousand generations
falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus
Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1
And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven
and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom
and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Pre-Chorus, Chorus 1

Chorus 2
Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

Speak, O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food
of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us
in Your likeness
That the light of Christ
might be seen today
In our acts of love
and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

By Our Love

Brothers let us come together
Walking in the Spirit
There's much to be done
We will come reaching
Out from our comforts
And they will know us by our love

Sisters we were
made for kindness
We can pierce the darkness
As He shines through us
We will come reaching
With a song of healing
And they will know us by our love

The time is now
Come church arise
Love with His hands
See with His eyes
Bind it around you
Let it never leave you
And they will know us by our love

Children you are hope for justice
Stand firm in the Truth now
Set your hearts above
You will be reaching
Long after we're gone
And they will know you by your love

Chorus