EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30 a.m. Outdoor Service August 3, 2025
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Welcome

Hymn of Heaven; Sons and Daughters; Speak, O Lord
(Blue offering boxes are on the back table)

Time of 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: ***Jesus Draw Me Close***

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:28-36
About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure,[a] which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Celebration of Ministry

Life of the Church

Greeting One Another
(Children Grades PreK through 1st Grade are released for Children's Church)

Sermon: **Journeying Together**
Pastor Randy Craker

Communion
This morning, we are receiving Holy Communion. You are invited to come forward to be served by one of two sets of servers. If you would like gluten-free wafers or a separate cup, proceed to help yourself at the table. All who desire to follow Jesus in trust and love and who desire to live in fellowship and love with others are invited to receive.

Lead Me to the Cross; The Goodness of God; The Wonderful Cross

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Andrew Roorbach

Musicians:
Mike Cox and Josey Ikker, vocals; Christopher Moeller, guitar; Sharon Johnson, piano & vocals; David Clem, Viola

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist exclaims, “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!” We come to worship today to offer to God our praise. May God fill our hearts and lives with his glorious presence.

WELCOME TO OUR INTERIM PASTOR: Today we are pleased to welcome Pastor. Randy Craker, as our interim pastor. Pastor Craker and his wife, Robbie, recently arrived from Idaho. Welcome them warmly.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING will be a special day of worship and fellowship. We will gather for one outdoor service at 10:00 a.m., led by Pastor Randy, followed by an all-church barbeque. The service will be streamed (though lower quality than typical) and a radio broadcast will be available for all who desire to remain in a vehicle. The church will provide meat and table service. We ask you to bring a couple of dishes to share. You are also invited to bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on in case we run out of table space. We will have games for children. In the case of inclement weather, all activities will be moved inside.

MISSION MOMENT: Martin & Sheri Hegeman – SIM--Praise for safety as they travel across the country, for a special trip to Martin’s parents to visit family and for the vehicle they purchased in February to use on their trip. Please pray: for continued ministry to missionary kids in Dallas; for colleagues to be encouraged and assisted by them; for the remaining $380 needed each month for support; and for growth in their walk with the Lord in their training.

HWC KIDS

- VBS begins tomorrow! August 4-7 from 6-8 pm for grades PreK-6th. Sign up today at https://hwc.breezechms.com/form/035e873815. Interested in helping out with crafts, games, food, science, or leading a group? We would love to have you on our team, but don’t wait. Sign up to volunteer here: https://hwc.breezechms.com/form/035e87381555.
- Nursery (both services) and Children's Church (early service) will continue through the summer.
- This week in Children's Church and online, kids learn about how much God's people are loved through the prophet Hosea. BIG IDEA: God’s love is timeless. BIBLE: Hosea 11:1–11; Hebrews 10:19–25
- New August series: "Timeless" Time travel is such an exciting concept to imagine! If we could hop into a time machine and visit the past, we might be surprised by how much has changed—and how some things stay exactly the same. One thing we’d discover is that God’s love and faithfulness are timeless. In this 5-week series, kids will explore how God's messages to us never change, no matter the time or place. They will learn that God’s love is timeless, we can seek God any time, God is good all the time, God takes the time to forgive, and God is with us at all times.
- August Memory Verse: “He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart.” Eccles. 3:11a

STEWARDSHIP: **Budget Needed:** $147,280.86 **Monies Received:** $114,139.06

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 10
10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship (streaming) / Pig Roast and Picnic

August 17 – August 24
8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship / 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship /Streaming

August 31 – October 28
8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship / 11:00 a.m. Indoor Worship /Streaming

September 7
9:45 a.m. Discipleship Hour restarts

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for all with health concerns: Nathan Danner, Kristen Massey, Mike Mathiason (Doug Mayhle’s colleague), Doug Melton (Sharon Johnson’s uncle), David Mercer, David Pullen, Jane Allen, Terry Ayers, James Bates, Scarlett Gildemeister, Bruce Hess, Linda Leax, Jane Roeske, Gary Wickard, Beth Pocock, Paul and Linda Roth, 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 refugees throughout the world; for protection, wisdom and peace in Ukraine, the Middle East and other places of war; for our church and leadership during our journey with Pastor Randy Craker, our interim pastor; and Lockport Wesleyan Church, Lockport, NY, and Pastor Matt Rose.

Hymn of Heaven

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the One who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord

And every prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

Oh, there will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord

And on that day, we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain"
"Forever He shall reign"

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy, holy is the Lord (3x)

Sons and Daughters

Before He spoke creation
The God of Heaven knew our name
And formed in His reflection
We are His glory on display

And His heart is good
He's always kind
With the cross He proved
He's on our side

We are the sons, we are the daughters of God
No matter where we go we're close to the Father's heart
And though we stumble, He will not let us fall
Because we are the Lord's and He will never forsake His own
We are the sons, we are the daughters of God

The love He lavished on us
He called us children of the King
And in His love and kindness
He chose the lonely and the weak

When the lies speak louder than the truth
Remind me that I belong to You
And when I can't see past the dark of night
Remind me You're always by my side. (2x)

You're by my side

We are the sons, we are the daughters of God
No matter where we go we're close to the Father's heart
And though we stumble, He will not let us fall
We are the Lord's and He will never forsake His own
We are the sons, we are the daughters of God (2x)

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

Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity

And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Jesus Draw Me Close

Jesus draw me close
Closer Lord to You
Let the world around me fade away
Jesus draw me close
Closer Lord to You
For I desire to worship and obey

Lead Me to the Cross

Savior I come
Quiet my soul, remember
Redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom

Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh, lead me, lead me to the cross

You were as I
Tempted and trialed
Human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now you're risen

To Your heart (2x)
Lead me to Your heart (2x)

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh, lead me, lead me

Goodness of God

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

'Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God

'Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain, I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet?
Or thorns compose, so rich a crown

Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
All who gather here by grace, draw near and bless
Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all