TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30am Outdoor Service August 17, 2025
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Welcome

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me; Living Hope; O Come to the Altar
(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: ***He Knows My Name***

Scripture Reading:
Mark 1: 16-20 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Acts 4:13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Luke 9:49-50 "Master," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us." "Do not stop him," Jesus said, "for whoever is not against you is for you."

Mark 10:35-37 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

John 15:9-10 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

Life of the Church

Greeting One Another
(Children Grades PreK through 1st Grade are released for Children's Church. Blue offering boxes are on the back table.)

Sermon: **The Transformation of John**
Pastor Randy Craker

Amazing Grace

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Kevin Dibble

Musicians:
Josey Ikker, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar and vocals;
Kevin Dibble, piano & vocals; David Clem, Viola; Dan Zambrano, cajon

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Every Sunday is a time for remembering all that God has done and to celebrate the victory of Christ's resurrection. May God open our eyes, our ears, our minds and our hearts to him.

TODAY Robbie and I continue to find our way forward with joy. We are engaged in meeting people, hearing stories, figuring out maps, working with the staff, praying for the church, and anticipating what God wants to do among us. This Sunday I explore with you, the transformation of the disciple John. We often identify him as the beloved apostle but what is overlooked is the work Jesus did in him. As people following the Jesus Way we want to let the Spirit do his work in us. Looking forward to worshiping with you today.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we continue our regular summer worship schedule--8:30 outdoors, 10 in the sanctuary with streaming. We look at *The Ministry of Encouragement* from Acts 4:36-37. Members are invited to vote about our Building Project following each service.

- In the afternoon at 3pm come to the north lawn for Ice Cream and fellowship.
- Curious about our feedback on the recent all-church assessment? We meet at 4:30 in the sanctuary for interview and survey results from Next Step Church Services.

HWC KIDS

- Nursery (both services) and Children's Church (early service) will continue through the summer.
- This week in Children's Church, kids learn about how God shows us what is good in a message to the prophet Micah. BIG IDEA: God is good all the time. BIBLE: Micah 6:1–8; Hebrews 12:1–3

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

STEWARDSHIP: **Budget Needed:** $181,935.18 **Monies Received:** $158,761.39

MISSION MOMENT: Kevin & Cindy Austin--The Lord has blessed them in their 45 years of marriage – serving the Lord together. Praises for their ministry through Global Partners, they are learning the importance of praying WITH people – not just for them. They are grateful for Cindy's successful cataract surgery. They are thankful for Discovery Bible Studies that led to decisions for Jesus and baptism, and for technology to keep in touch with everyone over the years in the US and Europe. As they celebrate God's goodness, they thank everyone for your prayers and help over the years.

PERSECUTED CHURCH: INDIA--Front-line workers who bear witness to Christ in restricted nations do so at great cost. Rahul, a ministry leader in India, was one of several from his church who were imprisoned for their refusal to deny Christ. Situations like Rahul's are not unique in India. Front-line workers who serve as pastors are routinely arrested, and many Christian workers report being repeatedly evicted from their homes and driven from their communities. They suffer public beatings, vandalization of their churches and homes, and attacks through both social media and traditional media. Many of India's states have enacted anti-conversion laws that target Christians. And as the Hindu nationalist movement has gained strength and influence across India, the laws have become stricter and have been applied more broadly. Pray that front-line workers like Rahul will sense God's presence, will be encouraged and will see a harvest of souls coming to faith in Christ through their ministry efforts.

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, Sudan, the Middle East, and other places of war; for Joy Community Church, Machias, NY, and Pastor Judy Gallegos

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer
There is no more for Heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future's sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus, now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me"

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"Yet not I, but through Christ in me"
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Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Oh God, You are my living hope

O Come to the Altar

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today, there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes, a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh, what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

He Knows My Name

I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in his hands

He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And He hears me when I call

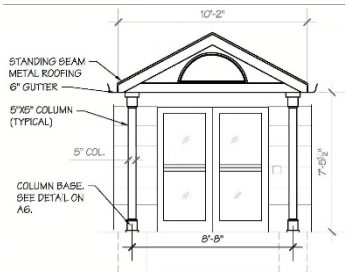
Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.



Important News About Our Building Project

We have exciting news about our long anticipated "Facility Building Project." The plan is to put shovels in the ground in the middle of September—just four weeks from now!!!

There are several issues that our leadership has been working through. A video was prepared and sent out this week to give a clear picture of where we are and what is ahead. There are changes that have been made in the building plans and the final bid came in higher. But we are going to move forward. Our dedicated leaders have come up with a plan which was outlined in the video.

Our next step is to provide you an opportunity **today** to meet with Daryl Stevenson, Elder Board chair, Ken Bates, project coordinator, and Paul Young, Stewardship Committee chair. **We will have a meeting following each service** so you can choose the one you want to attend. The meeting will begin with the showing of the short video for those who may not have yet seen it. Then an opportunity will be given to ask questions and get clarity. Outdoor Service attendees can go immediately after their service to the Community Room for the Q&A. The sanctuary meeting will start approximately 10 minutes after the service ends.

With increased costs the Elder Board has worked on several scenarios to help ensure the completion of the project. We believe we can raise the needed funds, to which we might add other funds already in hand. However, if necessary, we may need to borrow money to see us to the completion. If that action is necessary, we need congregational approval for borrowing.

The Elder Board is calling for meetings with church members on August 24th, following each service, to conduct the vote.

Your continued engagement and your prayers for God's guiding hand are important to the ongoing ministries of our church.