TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00AM OCTOBER 26, 2025

Prelude: *Prelude on "Vater unser im Himmelreich"* BWV 737 ……..J. S. Bach

Introit: *Si tuvieras fe* …….arr. Rory Cooney
Houghton University Choir, directed by Dr. Daniel Black

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 33)
Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
Praise the Lord with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.
For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.
The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.
May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
even as we put our hope in you.

*Hymn 18 ***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

Life of the Church

Anthem: *How Can I Keep from Singing* ……...arr. B. Eric Nelson
Houghton University Choir and Houghton Church Choir

Children's Sermon: ***Lions' Den***

*Songs of Adoration: ***You are Good; Kyrie Eleison***
(Offering will be received during the first song)

Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not always completely bowed before him or completely acknowledged his rule in our lives. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we become your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. In his name we pray, Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

*Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:5-15
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Greeting One Another

*Song of Gathering: ***The Doxology***

Sermon: **Prayer and The Prayer**
Pastor Randy Craker

*Closing Song: ***Is He Worthy?***

*Benediction

*Postlude: *Variations on "Vater unser"* (Sonata No. 6) ……Felix Mendelssohn

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*Please stand if able **Acolyte**: Lauren Cox **Scripture Reader**: Robin Pawling

Musicians:
Kevin Dibble, Jon Hutmire, vocals;
Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;
Steve Olsen, bass; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist calls us to praise God with all our might and with every instrument available to us. We worship today to offer intercessory prayers for others and the praise of our voices, hands, eyes, and ears and to surrender all that we are the Almighty God who creates us and loves us all.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Randy …. Next Sunday we gather for worship at 8:30 and 11:00. The 11:00 service will be streamed. We will serve holy communion. Adult Discipleship Hour, Youth Sunday School, and Kids Connect are at 9:45 a.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS next Sunday morning, November 2. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour this Saturday night.

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP (formerly meeting on Wednesday evenings) will move to Mondays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. for the winter beginning tomorrow. All meetings are in the church conference room.

HWC Kids:
- This week, the story of Daniel in the lions' den reveals how to stand up for God. BIG IDEA: Our courage can help others see God. BIBLE: Daniel 6; 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18
- October Memory Verse: "For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods." — 1Chronicles 16:25 (NIV)

Coming Soon to a Kaleidoscope Class Near You: Is God calling you to be more involved in the Royal Family Kids Camp ministry? Find out more on November 9 at 9:45 a.m. Hear from a panel of **A Special Kaleidoscope Sunday School** individuals who have served Houghton RFKC over the past 31 years, including a former camper and current youth volunteer, the founder of Houghton RFKC, our HWChurch Children's Pastor, our Child Specialist and Staff trainer; and two of our current counselors. You'll hear stories of how RFKC has made a difference in the lives of our campers as well as how it has changed the lives of volunteers.

VISITATION AND FUNERAL SERVICE FOR JANE ROESKE**:** Visitation will be at Houghton Wesleyan Church on Thursday, October 30 in the sanctuary from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The funeral service will take place at the church on Sunday, November 2 at 3:00 p.m.

AN INVITATION FROM DEAN & LEE DOVER; There will be a celebration of life for Austin Daniel Dover on November 1 at 1:00 p.m. in the Houghton Academy Auditorium. To assist in making arrangements, please R.S.V.P. **Wazican.dd@gmail.com**.

MISSION MOMENT: Don & Jeanie Little – Lilias Trotter Center--Praise for opportunities to travel, teach, encourage and minister to others about the Lord. Pray, too, for the *Reflexio Podcast* that Don and co-host Jenn Chen, as they focus on Christians around the world and how God works through ordinary people. Another prayer focus is the work being done by a team from five parts of the world, all from Muslim backgrounds, to write ***A Global Handbook for Discipling Believers of Muslim Background.*** Pray for Jeanie as she begins to work with Houghton University Emmanuel Scholars students.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: $355,206.78 **Monies Received:** $309,750.21

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family and friends of Jane Roeske and for all who are grieving; for all with health concerns: Harold Blew, Paul Roth, Daryl Stevenson, Kristen Massey, Nathan Danner, Mike Mathiason, David Pullen, Jane Allen, Terry Ayers, James Bates, Scarlett Gildemeister, Bruce Hess, Linda Leax, Gary Wickard, Beth Pocock, Kim Pegula, Karen Gaerte, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Dan and Sarah Gurley, Chelsea Ellis, Mark Mayhle, Jeshu, Kurtis, and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, and Emily Crikelair; for anguished refugees and displaced persons in the U.S. and across the world; for cessation of hostilities, wisdom, and peace in Ukraine, the Middle East, and other places of unrest and war; for Revive Church, Springville, and for Pastor Keith Clark.