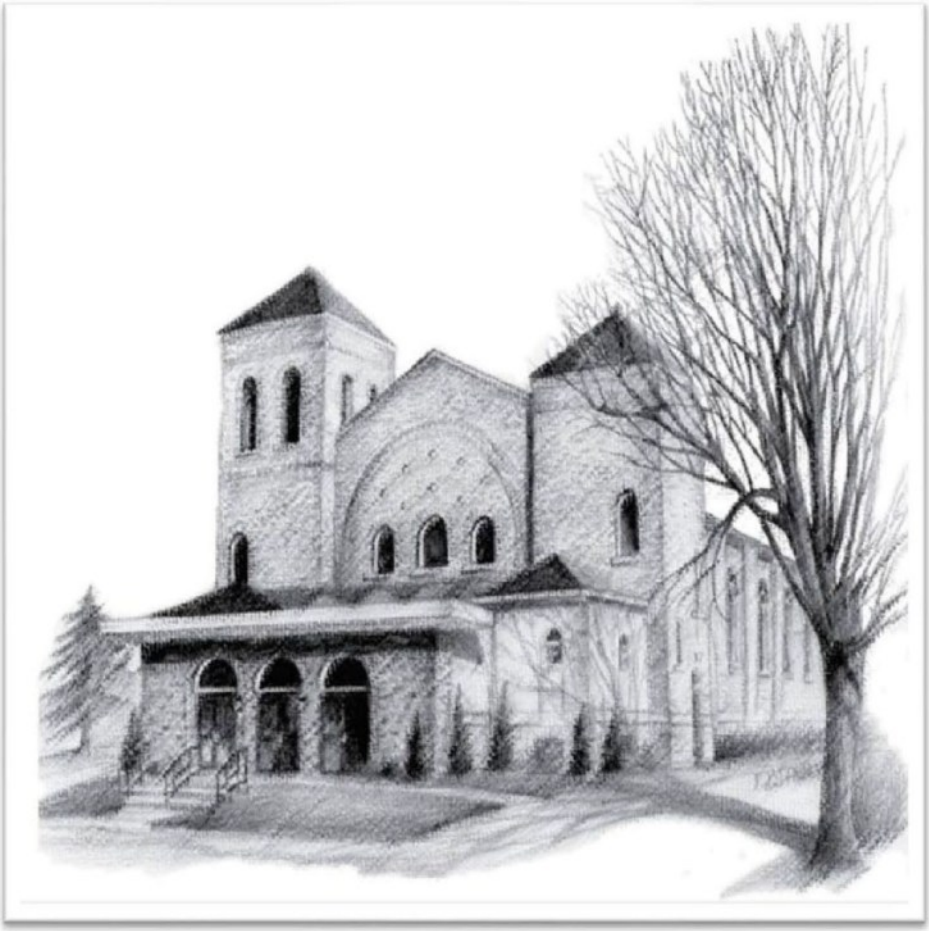
Houghton
Wesleyan Church

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly
serving others



Welcome to Houghton Wesleyan Church!
Today we welcome Grace Deitrick Johnson as our preacher. Grace is a member of HWC and a graduate of HU, and we celebrate her ordination in The Wesleyan Church this evening! As we begin this time of worship, let's invite God's Spirit to move among us and shape us more fully into the likeness of Christ.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00AM OCTOBER 25, 2026

Prelude: *Trio Sonata*, BWV 525: Adagio .....J. S. Bach
Benjamin Van Tine, organ

Anthem: *The Call* .....David Ashley White
Steve Olsen, guest conductor

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 46)
God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its
waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
The Lord says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*Hymn 377 ***A Mighty Fortress is Our God***

Life of the Church

Greeting One Another

Doxology

Children's Sermon: *Love Makes the World Go Round*

*Songs of Adoration: ***May the Peoples Praise You; Is He Worthy***
Offering will be received during the first song.

Prayer of Confession & Time of Prayer
Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.
We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.
We love with condition. We judge and condemn.
We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Prayer Response: ***Build My Life***

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:1-10 NASB
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 496 ***Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak***

Sermon: **Don't Quit Your Day Job**
Grace Deitrick Johnson

*Song ***Oh How Good it Is***

*Benediction

*Postlude: *Trio Sonata*, BWV 525: Allegro .....J. S. Bach

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*Please stand if you are able

We are grateful to Benjamin Van Tine, graduate music student at Houghton University and Houghton Church's Assistant Organist, for playing organ for the complete service this morning.

Music Ministry Team:
Addie Boon, Kristen Sanasith, Mike Jordan, vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Christopher Moeller, guitar;
Jill Jordan, violin; Steve Olsen, bass; Dan Zambrano, cajón
Worship Leader: Pastor Emily Spateholts
Scripture Reader: Delaney Grant

WE'RE SUPPORTING FILLMORE WESLEYAN'S HARVEST BASH ON OCTOBER 31ST AT 6:00PM. Would you be willing to help? Set up Friday night, the 30th, from 6-8pm at FWC. Donations of apple cider and candy. A couple of volunteers to help run carnival games during the event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Emily.

WOMEN'S FALL GATHERING November 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Room for a morning of music, food, fun, fellowship and inspiration featuring Pastor Kristen. See you there!

KIDS MIN

- This week, kids find out more about loving others by taking a closer look at commandments eight, nine, and ten. THE BIG IDEA: We obey God by loving everyone. THE BIBLE: Exodus 20:15-17; Romans 13:8-10; I Thessalonians 2:7-8
- **October Memory Verse:** "He answered, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your strength and all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27

Need a place for your littles to wiggle? Visit our Family Room below the sanctuary and find rocking chairs, books, toys, changing table, and more. Don't want to miss the service? We stream it to the Family Room!

MISSION MOMENTS: Bethany Witkowski – Global Partners - Pray for finances to cover her ministry and travel expenses; for upcoming speaking engagements, and for living arrangements.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: $347,935.20 / Budget Received: $311,012.98

TODAY we pray for Central Baptist Church in Yorkshire.

You can submit prayer requests by scanning the QR code, or by placing a prayer card in the offering plate.

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