

PENTECOST SUNDAY
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP
MAY 23, 2010

As the prelude begins, let us observe silence as we prayerfully anticipate this hour of corporate worship of Almighty God.

Prelude: *Holy Spirit, Lord of Love*Pachelbel
*Holy Spirit, Lord of love, thou who camest from above,
gifts of blessing to bestow on your waiting Church below,
once again in love draw near to thy servants gathered here.*

*Call to Worship

The God of rushing wind and fire dwells here in our presence
in this hour and every hour.

Glory be to God, who strengthens us and blesses all people with peace.

God, who called all the world into being, calls forth new life in us today.

***Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose
we are claimed and empowered.***

God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of love,
confirms His gifts in us as we gather here.

***Glory be to God, who created light in which
we can walk in confident expectation.***

*Invocation

*Hymn ***God's Holy Spirit Came*** (see insert)

Passing the Peace

God's peace be with you.

And also with you.

Life of the Church

*Affirmation of our Christian Faith: **The Apostles' Creed**

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 11:16-30 (page 141)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 567 ***Gloria Patri***

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen."

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*Lasky

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors)

*Please feel free to stand or kneel at the altar rail as an indication
of a need for which you are praying in your own life or in the life of another.*

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-21 (page 1078)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 197 ***Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart***

Sermon: **Pentecost: God's Gift to All**

Pastor Todd Leach

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn 501 ***The Church's One Foundation***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Thine is the Glory*Gordon Young

*Please stand if able

Organist: Eileen DeBoer

Worship Leader: Mark Hijleh

Acolyte: Allie Stevick

Children's Worship bulletins are available in the church foyer for ages 3-12.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Children ages 2-5 go directly to Children's Church prior to the service. Children's Church meets in room 116 on the first floor of the Christian Education building.

If you can help with **CHILDREN'S CHURCH OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS, VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP** forms are available on the table in the church foyer. Please fill one out and place it in the box near the forms.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Today we commemorate and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the day on which the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit and through God's grace and power, thousands become followers of Jesus Christ. May God give us grace and power to be the church of Jesus Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, bearing witness to God's abundance grace and power in our lives and in our world.

If you are a guest here today, we welcome you. We are glad that you are here. Please fill out a guest card located in the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the offering plate when it is passed.

TONIGHT AT 6:00 the Haiti Team will share ministry experiences.

WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30 in the sanctuary, all members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting of our congregation. During this gathering we will elect leaders for the coming year (sample ballots are posted around the facility), approve the 2010-2011 budget (copies are available in the foyer, copies of the full budget are available in the office and on the church website, www.hwchurch.org), and hear reports about the life of our church this past year.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING you are invited to worship at 8:30 or 11:00. The Rev. Neil Koppen, our District Superintendent, will be preaching.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING (6:00): The HWC Haiti Team will share

YOUTH NEWS

Tonight --6:00 PM – Church Haiti Relief Team Report
 Tuesday 7:00 AM Prayer Breakfast – Community Room
 Wednesday 6:30-8:00 PM – Service Project (permission slip required: find online or outside Pastor Jon’s office)
 Seniors: May 30 is our Senior Recognition Service.

INTERESTED IN MISSIONS? The Missions Committee is looking to add a few members. If you would be interested in serving with the Missions Committee, either as a member of the committee or on one of our Missions sub-committees (Missions Convention, Finance/Administrative, Missions Education, Missionary Care, and Local Ministries), please contact Pastor Todd Leach or Skip Lord for more information.

NEWS FOR INVESTORS	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Offerings Received	\$ 17,901	\$ 658,668
Budget Needed	\$ 13,612	\$ 680,600
Difference +/-	+ \$ 4,289	— \$ 21,932

Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry: As we worship today people are in the Prayer Room asking the Father to bless us and to do something powerful among us. If you are interested in this ministry of prayer (one worship service every 4-6 weeks), we would love to talk with you. Please contact Doug or Judi Mayhle (567-8241 / dmayhle@hotmail.com) or Pastor Wes (567-2264 / woden@hwchurch.org) for more information.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for people with health concerns: Josephine Middleton (Pastor Laurie’s mother), Gudy Stevenson, Bonnie MacBeth, Mildred VanderVeen, Esther Smith, Ella Woolsey, Margaret Johnson, Sherry Falke, Jenna Koppen, Crystal Blake, Pierce Samuels, Emily Crikelair, Clarence Wagonblott (Audra Beardsley’s father), John Johnson (Sharon Johnson’s father), and Louis Case (Jon Case’s father); for people from our congregation who are involved in missions trips, for Caleb Austin and others who are serving in the military in Afghanistan, and for the leaders of our nation in this time of crisis.

God's Holy Spirit Came

Unison

1 God's Ho - ly Spir - it came with rush - ing wind and fire,
 2 God sent the Spir - it forth, ful - fil - ling proph - ets' word,
 3 God's Spir - it filled each one as Je - sus had fore - told.
 4 God's church a - live to - day con - tin - ues to pro - claim

Christ's pre - sence here to com - fort, bless, and to in - spire.
 to those who fol - lowed Je - sus and who called him Lord.
 In ma - ny tongues they spoke God's Word, re - newed and bold.
 sal - va - tion by the Spir - it's power in Je - sus' name.

The Spir - it thus be - gan God's ho - ly work on earth
 Dis - ci - ples gath - ered near the tem - ple courts in prayer.
 "Re - pent and be bap - tized," preached Pe - ter in that hour,
 Let all be - liev - ers now their tongues and lives em - ploy.

at Pent - e - cost, a gift that gave the church its birth.
 The Spir - it blew and rest - ed on those clus - tered there.
 and thou - sands came, be - liev - ing by the Spir - it's power.
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: our high - est joy!

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