

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

AUGUST 16, 2009

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

Prelude: *Where e're God Leads is Always Right*Pachelbel

"Where e're God leads is always right, Holy His will abideth;

I will be still, whate'er He doth, And follow where he guideth.

He is my God; Though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall;

Wherefore to Him I leave it all."

*Call to Worship

The God of creation makes us one in body.

Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!

The God of Christ makes us one in the Spirit.

Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!

Let us acknowledge the company in which we meet: the church on earth and in heaven; the faithful who worshipped here before us; the hundreds of thousands of every place and language who, on the Lord's day, seek to set their lives within the atmosphere of renewing grace.

As we think of them, let us take deliberate encouragement from our unity with them all. Alleluia!

*Invocation

*Hymn 80 ***Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim***

Life of the Church

Ministry in Music: *Victory in Jesus*

James Mullen, Daryl Stevenson, Wes Oden, Mike Cox

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9 (page 717)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

****Doxology*** *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;*

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*arr. Halberg

Ginny Halberg, piano

"Just a closer walk with Thee; Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.

Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be."

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

New Testament Reading: Luke 17:1-10 (page 1037)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 311 ***I Am Thine, O Lord***

Sermon: **Remember that We are Servants**

Pastor Wesley Oden

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn 302 ***O Jesus, I Have Promised***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *The God of Abraham Praise*Gordon Young

*Please stand if able

Organist: Eileen DeBoer

Worship Leader: Shirley Mullen

Acolyte: Tara Beardsley

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.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist encourages us to enter God's gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise (100:4). This morning we come to rejoice in God's blessings and to ask for His help in our difficulties. God is here! Together, let us open our lives to Him.

FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS are located at the outside end of each pew. Thank you for adding your name, for passing it to the persons in your row and then passing the register back to those who have already signed.

TODAY is the final Sunday to sign up for your portrait in the Church Family Album. Please stop by the table in the church foyer to choose an appointment.

TONIGHT AT 6:00 PM John and Tricia Fraser, OMS missionaries to Hungary, will be sharing with us. The Frasers have been a part of our congregation since last November and are currently raising funds to return to Hungary.

WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30PM please join the prayer group meeting in the Youth Room (directly below the sanctuary) for prayer. Jim Szymanski will be leading.

WEDNESDAY, 6:30—7:00 P.M., the Children’s Choir practices in the Community Room. On Thursday, August 27th, they will be singing “God Bless America” during the 7th inning stretch at the Rochester Redwings baseball game. We hope family and friends can come and support the choir and enjoy a fun evening at the ballpark. Tickets are \$5.50, payable to Krista Roorbach (567-4515) by tomorrow, August 17.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we invite you to join us for worship at 8:20 and 11:00. Pastor Todd will be preaching.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING AT 5:00 THE WELCOME POTLUCK will be held in the church Community Room. The church family will be hosting students already on campus and newcomers to our community. Please bring a large salad or hot dish and a dessert to pass. Pioneer Foods will be providing ham, dinner rolls, and beverages. The church will provide all table settings and silverware (you don't need to bring your own from home!) Come and enjoy the fellowship and food. There are four lay shepherd groups hosting this event: Centerville Rd., Fancher Hts., N/S River Rd., and Caneadea/Rushford/etc.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK: Monday, Elders, 6:30 pm (Room 105)

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 6TH and teachers/assistant teachers are still needed for preschool classes, 4th grade, and leader/s for Primary Song time. Please contact Robin Pawling or Cindy Oden if you are interested in learning more about one of these ministry opportunities.

NEWS FOR INVESTORS	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Offerings Received	\$ 8,919	\$ 118,289
<u>Budget Needed</u>	<u>\$ 13,612</u>	<u>\$ 136,120</u>
Difference +/-	— \$ 4,693	—\$ 17,831

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SOUND? We are currently looking for people who might be interested in training to join the **Sound Team** here at the church. Please contact Amanda Cox (567-4870, acox@hwchurch.org) with any questions.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family and friends of Lillian Gordon who died recently and for others who are grieving; for people with health concerns: CJ Pollock, Dorotha Alderman (Dick’s mother), Fred Libick, Meredith Kellogg, Al Smith, John Johnson (Sharon Johnson’s father), Isobel Alexander, Pierce Samuels, Emily Crikelair, Richard Schmidt (Karl’s father), and Louis Case (Jon Case’s father); for people who are in transition, either moving away from or to the area; for Houghton College, Houghton Academy, and area institutions; for our local, county, state and national leaders; and for the leaders of the nations of the world.