

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

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

Prelude: *O God, Thou Faithful God*Walther

*“O God, Thou faithful God, Thou Fountain ever flowing,
Without Whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing;
A pure and healthy frame O give me, and within
A conscience free from blame, A soul unhurt by sin.”*

*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!

The God of salvation makes us one in His love!

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

*Invocation

*Hymn 41 ***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above***

Life of the Church

Anthem: *Draw us in the Spirit's Tether*Friedell

***Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in Thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.***

***As the faithful used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.***

***All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.***

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17: 1-15 (page 348)

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: *My Shepherd will Supply my Need* (Hymn #406)Lasky

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

New Testament Reading: Matthew 8:5-13 (page 962)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

Sermon: **Are You About Rules or Faith?**

Pastor Wesley Oden

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn 512 ***In Memory of the Savior's Love***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Toccata*Boellmann

*Please stand if able

Organist: Eileen DeBoer

Worship Leader: Daryl Stevenson

Acolyte: Rachel Brubaker

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. Every Sunday is a time for remembering all that God has done and to celebrate the victory of Christ's resurrection. We gather today knowing that the world is in his hands and that he reigns supreme as Lord of all. May this hour of worship inspire us to be people who give thanks to God and who receive his wondrous gift of salvation and abundant life.

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.

TONIGHT Small Groups meet at the church and at homes in the community (see insert).

MEETINGS THIS WEEK: Trustees, Monday, 6:30 p.m. (Room 105)

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we invite you to worship with us at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Pastor Wes will be preaching about the focus of worship as essential for the life of the church.

W.K.F.M. Wesleyan Kids For Missions meets next Sunday at 9:40 a.m. for children grades 1-5. Please remember the yearly dues of 52¢. Our speakers are the Frasers, soon to leave for Hungary.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING Small Groups continue meeting.

YOUTH NEWS

- Prayer Breakfast begins on Sept. 15, 7 a.m.
- Middle school ministries Kickoff, Wed. Sept. 16-6:30 p.m.
- High School ministries begin Sept. 20, 6 p.m. – Martins’ house on Seymour

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: If you are interested in joining the Houghton Church, or if you would like more information about being a member of the Houghton Church, please contact the church office or mark “Membership” on the Attendance Sheet. Pastor Wes will host a membership class in the early part of October.

H1N1 VIRUS AWARENESS: With the current outbreak and potential threat of future outbreaks of the H1N1 virus, we are encouraging prudence in our church gatherings. The CDC recommends that you limit your contact with others if you have a cough or sore throat associated fever higher than 100 degrees and that you should avoid going out until you have been free of the fever for one day (without medications). Because the virus is spread primarily through the air, as well as by physical contact, handshakes likely pose no more risk of transmission than a close conversation. However, if you are sick, it would be prudent to not only cover your coughs and sneezes and keep your hands clean, but also to excuse yourself from shaking hands.

NEWS FOR INVESTORS	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Offerings Received	\$ 13,981	\$ 171,555
<u>Budget Needed</u>	<u>\$ 13,612</u>	<u>\$ 190,568</u>
Difference +/-	+ \$ 369	—\$ 19,013

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: LaNora Keith, Ann Irving (Ann McNeil’s mother), Bonnie MacBeth, Robbie Taylor, Sue McNeil, Fred Libick, Meredith Kellogg, Al Smith, John Johnson (Sharon Johnson’s father), 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, area public schools and homeschoolers as a new academic year commences; for immediate and long-term results of CLEW; and for healing and grace on the eighth anniversary of September 11, 2001.

For more information about church activities, please visit our website: www.hwchurch.org or email us at info@hwchurch.org .