

PENTECOST SUNDAY

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

MAY 20, 2018

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

Prelude: Variations on *Veni Creator*, Op. 4Maurice Duruflé

***Call to Worship**

When the world divides us

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world calls us orphaned

Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

When the world leads us astray

Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!

***Invocation**

***Hymn 203 *Spirit of Faith Come Down* (Tune of Hymn 183)**

***Words of Greeting and Peace**

Celebration of Ministry: Meals on Wheels

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 23:9-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

***Doxology**

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Chorale Prelude on "Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott,"* BuxWV 199
Dieterich Buxtehude

Prayer of Confession

Our heavenly Father, we are people who have been blessed beyond our ability to give thanks. Even with the struggles and difficulties of life, we have been and continue to be recipients of health, family, friends and the necessities of life. Forgive us that far too often our first response is to complain about what we do not have rather than to express gratitude for what we do have. Forgive us for being so focused on getting more that we forget so many others who have little to begin with. Forgive us for taking your gifts for granted and help us to see all of the ways in which you fill our lives with good. As we confess our sin, open our eyes, our ears and our hearts to hear your promise to us: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Please feel free to use the altar as your place of prayer as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.

If kneeling is difficult for you, please use the red chairs or stand by the altar rail.

Song of Preparation: ***Holy Spirit***

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

Hymn 199 *Come, Holy Spirit, Heart's Desire

Sermon: **What Does Pentecost Tell Us About God?**

Pastor Wes Oden

Hymn 197 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

***Benediction**

***Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)**

***Postlude: *Chorale Prelude on "Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist,"* BWV 671 ...J.S. Bach**

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Paul Young

Acolyte: Eleanor Reitnour

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

Nursery: We provide a fully staffed nursery for infants up to two years of age. The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Christian Education Building.

Children's Church: Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon for Children's Church: 2 and 3 year olds meet in room 116; 4-5 year olds in room 115 in the Christian Education Building.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. On this Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the Holy Spirit's presence and power on the disciples and the birth of the Church, we worship God whose blessings are unending. We pray that God's Spirit will come upon us once again that we may be the Church he has called us to be.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING you are invited to worship at 8:30 and 11:00. Our youth group will be leading the worship services.

SUNDAY SERMONS ON THE INTERNET: You may access the Sunday sermon on the church website (www.hwchurch.org) or on iTunes (www.itunes.com).

LIVE STREAMING: All of our worship services are live streamed through the church website and through streaming devices (AppleTV, Roku, etc.). If you use Roku, you will need to find the services on our new Roku app. Search for Houghton Wesleyan Church. Our new app will enable easier access.

OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM is a wonderful place for you to share your love of Jesus with our kids! If you are interested in teaching or assisting in a Sunday School class next fall, there are several opportunities available for you! Please let Pastor Laurie know if you are interested or use this code to go online.



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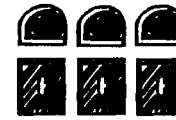
SUNDAY SCHOOL POTLUCK: Sunday June 10th is our annual Sunday School Pot Luck meal after church. The whole congregation is invited to come and celebrate with us! Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert to share. Thank you for supporting our Sunday School program!

MISSIONARY MOMENT – We welcome the Nigeria Director for TEN3, Christie Dasaro, to services today. She heads ECWA College of Technology and holds massive women's rallies for the Gospel. Today she speaks in Kaleidoscope class. We pray for God's blessing on her and Transformational Education Network in various lands.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – We remain in concerted prayer for the Muslim world during their Ramadan month.

COME & GO 90TH BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATION MAY 27TH : Families of the Mullen children invite you to celebrate with Laurence and Vesta on their 90th birthdays, May 27, from 3-5 p.m. at 7428 Hillside Drive in Houghton.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Kathy Reitnour and family at the death of her mother and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: John Christensen, Florence Teuber, Roselyn Danner, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Tim Nichols, Bob Brown, Louise Prinsell, Nancy Cole, Brian Orbaker (Charlie and Connie Smith's son-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter, Sheryl O'Brien, Ben King, Doris Essepian, Eila Shea, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Bill Getty, Mike Raybuck, Bev Rhett, Micah Christensen, Linda Roth, Emily Crikelair; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for Hunt Baptist Church (Pastor Jerry Fullmer).



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WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

PAUL SHEA, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

Laurie Smalley, *Children's Ministry Director*



TODAY MEMBERS VOTE BEFORE & AFTER SERVICES

TODAY all covenant members are invited to cast your ballot in electing our leaders for the coming year and to approve the proposed 2018-2019 budget. You may vote before or after this morning's worship services. Ballots are available in the sanctuary lower foyer and the Christian Education building foyer. The results will be posted after tonight's Celebration of Ministry Gathering.

TONIGHT: CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY GATHERING

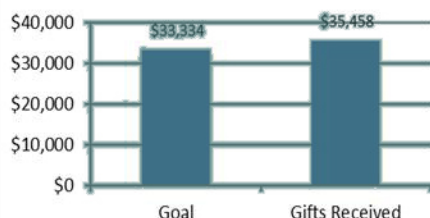
Tonight at 5:00 p.m., everyone is invited to the Community Room to help us celebrate God's blessings upon our ministries this year and to think about ways of engaging in God's ministry in the year to come. We will have some time for dessert and fellowship, time to share some of our stories and time to talk about our ideas for ministry. If you are a member or not, if you are young or old, if you have attended here a long time or a short time, make it a point to attend this event in which we give thanks for God's faithfulness in the past and anticipate His faithfulness in the days ahead. The church is providing drinks; **please bring a dessert to share**. Childcare through 3rd grade will be provided.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

General Fund
Through April



Faith Promise
Through April



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

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| May 27 – June 24 | Worship – 8:30 & 11:00 / Sunday School – 9:45 |
| July 1 – August 12 | Worship – 10:00 / No Sunday School |
| August 19 – August 26 | Worship – 8:20, 9:40 & 11:00 / No Sunday School |
| September 2 | Worship – 8:20, 9:40 & 11:00 / Sunday School - 9:40 |