

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP JUNE 30, 2019

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

Prelude: *Hymn Improvisation on "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*
by Michael Burkhardt

*Call to Worship (from Colossians 3)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*Invocation

*Hymn 335 ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Martin and Sheri Hegeman

*Scripture Reading: Luke 9:51-62

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

**Doxology*

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Great is the Lord*

Debbie Shea, Jossy Adenuga, Carolyn Kindley

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in repentance, and to bow to one another in forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together with all of our brothers and sisters in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen. --from the UMC Book of Worship

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: ***Show Us Christ***

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*Hymn 298 ***Have Thine Own Way, Lord***

Sermon: **Freedom to Love**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Derck

*Hymn 423 ***May the Mind of Christ My Savior***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Trumpet Tune in G*Martha Sobaje

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Doug Gaerte

Acolyte: Abigail Reitnour

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 and is available during services.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon: they meet in room 116 in the Christian Education Building.

NOTE: We have set up a computer check-in station in the lower foyer of the sanctuary so anyone can check in for Children's Church before church starts or at the beginning of the service.

There are **KID'S BAGS AND BIBLES** available in the bookshelf on the left side of the foyer next to the Men's restroom.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist writes, "Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom" (145:3). We gather for worship today to proclaim once again that God is great and to offer him our highest praise. As we worship this morning, let us open our hearts and minds to him in praise, adoration and celebration for who he is and for all that he has done.

GUEST PREACHER: Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Sarah Derck as our guest preacher. Dr. Derck is Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Chair of the Biblical Studies, Theology, Philosophy Department at Houghton College.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED JULY 4.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we begin Summer Sabbath gathering for one worship service at 10:00 a.m. Next Sunday Pastor Wes preaches from Psalm 24: *Who Is This King of Glory and Why Does It Matter?*

REFRESH FAMILY CAMP July 28-August 2 at Houghton College. All registration details at www.refreshathoughton.com or contact the church office.

BIKES ON THE QUAD - Join us on the Houghton College Quad on Wednesday Nights at 6:30 for a time for family fellowship while the kids ride the quad. (We are not limited to bikes! Bring baseballs and gloves, soccer balls, Frisbees, sidewalk chalk.) We will meet every Wednesday through August 21.

PRAYER GROUP – Wednesday, 6:30 -7:30 pm. in Room 9 below the sanctuary

CELEBRATE RECOVERY (No meeting July 4.)

STEWARDSHIP Received (June 1—Present): \$ 49,309.01
Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$ 61,870.12
(Reminder: If you give online, please place an **I Gave Online** card in the offering plate as it is passed.)

MISSION MOMENT – We pray for Martin and Sheri Hegeman (children, Nico and Lynae), here for Pre-Field Orientation training – part of preparation for service at Sahel Academy in Niger in the coming year. Needs include prayer and financial supporters and further preps including language study in France.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – We continue to pray for Christian villagers in the Sahel region of Africa (Mali, Burkino Faso, Chad and Niger) where a recent Fulani attack in Mali killed an estimated 95 people, all Christians, including men, women, and children – a third of the village.

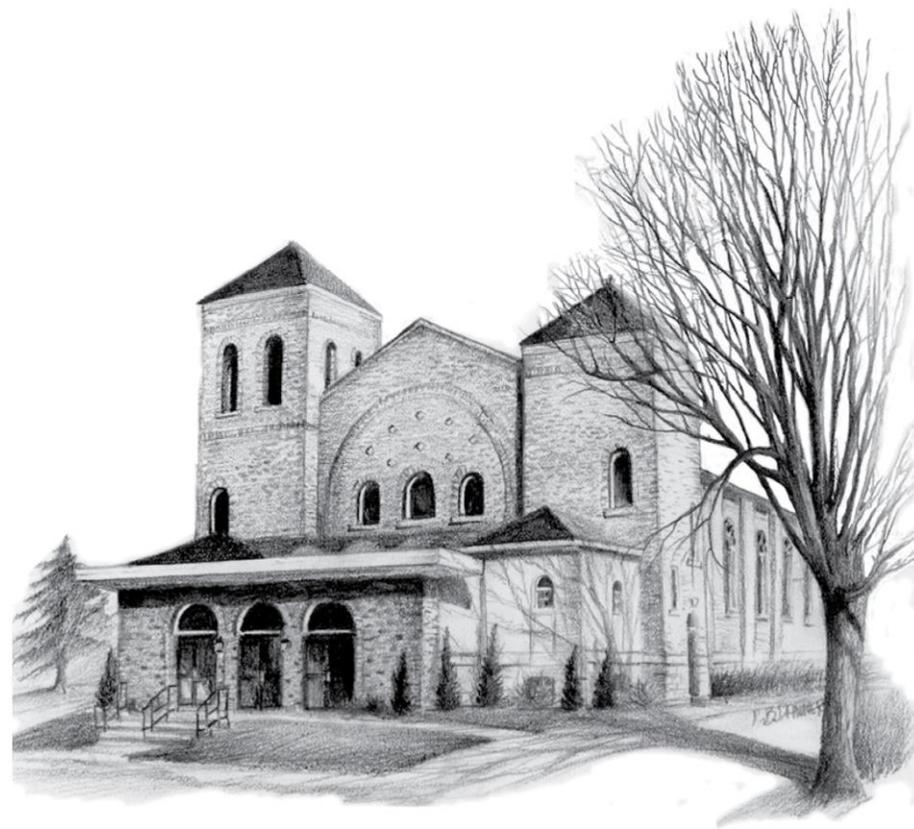
PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Paulette Schierer, Jeshu, Kurtis and Elijah Perry, Joe Coleson (Sarah Derck's father), Reuben Samuels, Ruby Schierer Williams, Phyllis Osgood, Debbie Alderman Wilson, The Marsh Family, Jon Retz, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bob Brown, Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Sheryl O'Brien, Gus and Louise Prinsell, Bethie Liddick, Bev Rhett, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Eila Shea, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our government; for Anchor Church, Buffalo NY (Pastor Steve Johnson).

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 7 – August 11..... Worship – 10:00 / No Sunday School
August 18 – September 1..Worship – 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00 /No Sunday School
September 8..... Worship – 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00 /Sunday School – 9:40



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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