

March 29, 2020

10:00 a.m.



Hartwood Presbyterian Church

Our mission is to develop disciples by
providing worship, fellowship and service
through Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Reverend Doctor Scott Fouts

Music Director: Lara Brittain

March 29, 2020 / 10:00 AM

The People Gather

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 31: 14-16, 19, 21

Pastor: But I trust in You, LORD; I say “You are my God.”

People: **The course of my life is in Your power. Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me by Your faithful love.**

Pastor: How great is Your goodness that You have stored up for those who fear You and accomplished in the sight of everyone for those who take refuge in You.

People: **Blessed be the Lord, for He has wondrously shown His faithful love to me.**

Prayer of Adoration (unison)

St. Augustine

O loving God, to turn away from You is to fall, to turn toward You is to rise, and to stand before You is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties Your help; in all our uncertainties, Your guidance; in all our dangers, Your protection; and in all our sorrows, Your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” (*see insert*)

We Humble Ourselves in Confession

A Call to Confession

Matthew 11: 28-30

Jesus said: “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy Father, we are followers of Your Son, Jesus, but much of our following is from a distance, and so our discipleship does not bear much fruit. Forgive us when we have been satisfied appearing to be Christian, without bearing the fruit of Christian Love. Unite us to Christ in a strong bond of love and loyalty, that the fruit of our labors may bring glory to You. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 3: 12,14; John 13:34

As God’s own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you. Hear the teaching of Christ: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

Hymn “Amazing Grace” (*see insert*)

We Listen for God's Word

A Moment with the Children and Youth

A Prayer for Illumination

The Presentation of the Word

The Reading of the New Testament: Matthew 27: 45-54

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over the whole land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, lemá sabachtháni?*" that is, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling for Elijah." Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and offered him a drink. But the rest said, "Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

But Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and gave up his spirit. Suddenly, the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom, the earth quaked, and the rocks were split. The tombs were also opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And they came out of the tombs after his resurrection, entered the holy city, and appeared to many.

When the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

Sermon Title: "The Centurion"
"*Truly He is the Son of God.*"

The People Respond

Hymn "In the Garden" (*see insert*)

A Season of Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

Our Silent and Personal Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

"The Session would like to remind you that despite the Corona Virus crisis shut downs the church still has financial obligations. You may continue to give by mailing contributions to the Church Office; giving electronically through Realm; or making bulk donations from investments."

***Prayer of Dedication**

We bring our gifts to You, O God, in response to the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Your Word made flesh. May all we do be in response to the new life we have been given. Give us wisdom to use all our gifts to Your glory. Amen.

Closing Hymn "God Be with You till We Meet Again" (*see insert*)

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