

April 19, 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

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The People Gather

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 32: 1, 2, 5

Pastor: How joyful is the one, whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!

People: **How joyful is a person whom the LORD does not charge with iniquity and in whose spirit is no deceit!**

Pastor: Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not conceal my iniquity.

People: **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Prayer of Adoration (unison)

St. Augustine

O Loving God, full of compassion, I commit and commend myself to You, in whom I am, and live, and know. Be the goal of my pilgrimage, and my rest by the way. Let my soul take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought beneath the shadow of Your wings. Let my heart, this sea of restless waves find peace in You, O God. Amen.

Opening Hymn #227 "Thine Is the Glory" (*see insert*)

We Humble Ourselves in Confession

A Call to Confession

Romans 5: 8-9

But God demonstrated His love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood. How much more shall we be saved from God's wrath though Him!

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Your voice, O God, is calling us to a season of renewal. Help us lay down traditions that bind us. Free us to leave our boats on the shoreline and follow You. Help us to let go of well worn easy answers and be passionate about finding answers in Your Word. Give us vision to see what we need to do and to serve You in what You are calling us to do. Save us from the belief that our behavior is acceptable to You because it is acceptable to our society. Instead help us to understand how to bring society closer to Your kingdom. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8: 34, 2 Corinthians 5: 17

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Hymn #383 "Open Our Eyes, Lord" (*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:

Luke 24: 13-35

Now that same day two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. Together they were discussing everything that had taken place. And while they were discussing and arguing, Jesus himself came near and began to walk along with them. But they were prevented from recognizing him. Then he asked them, "What is this dispute that you're having with each other as you are walking?" And they stopped walking and looked discouraged. The one named Cleopas answered him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked them.

So they said to him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet powerful in action and speech before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. But we were hoping that he was the one who was about to redeem Israel. Besides all this, it's the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women from our group astounded us. They arrived early at the tomb, and when they didn't find his body, they came and reported that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they didn't see him."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Wasn't it necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted for them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures.

They came near the village where they were going, and he gave the impression that he was going farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, because it's almost evening, and now the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

It was as he reclined at the table with them that he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts burning within us while he was talking with us on the road and explaining the Scriptures to us?" That very hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those with them gathered together, who said, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then they began to describe what had happened on the road and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon Title: “*The Road to Emmaus*”
 The Scriptures open our eyes to Jesus

The People Respond

Hymn #381 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” *(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**

With grateful hearts, O Lord, we come to You, bearing our gifts as pledges of our service to Your Holy Kingdom. Let the offering we make be also an offering of ourselves to Your Holy Will. Amen.

Closing Hymn #231 “Jesus Shall Reign” *(see insert)*

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