

**May 24, 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 33: 20-22

Pastor: We wait for the LORD;

**People: He is our help and shield.**

Pastor: Four our hearts rejoice in Him, because we trust in His Holy Name.

**People: May Your faithful love rest on us, LORD, for we put our hope in You.**

### Prayer of Adoration (unison)

**God of light and truth, You are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of Your presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love, we acclaim Your glory and sing Your praise, for You have shown us Your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn #232 “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” (*see insert*)

## We Humble Ourselves in Confession

### A Call to Confession

1 John 2: 1,2

If you do sin, Jesus Christ always does the right thing, and He will speak to the Father for us. Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and the sins of all the world's people.

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful God, we entrust to You our confession of sin. We are easily discouraged when our good intentions do not make things better. Portents of danger arise around us, and we doubt the future You have promised. We close our eyes to signs of the future, and live for the moment. God, in Christ, forgive our apathy to Your will, and make us whole again. 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 #80 “I Love You, 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: 50-53  
Then he led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. And while he was blessing them, he left them and was carried up into heaven. After worshiping him, they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they were continually in the temple praising God.

Sermon Title: "The Ascension of Jesus"  
*Jesus offers us Eternal Life.*

## The People Respond

**Hymn #88 "Fairest Lord Jesus"** (*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 #572 "America, the Beautiful"** (*see insert*)

Please use this week's bulletin in your personal worship time.

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