

May 31, 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

May 31, 2020 / 10:00 AM

The People Gather

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 34: 1-3

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times;

People: His praise will always be on my lips.

Pastor: I will boast in the LORD; the humble will hear and be glad.

People: Proclaim the LORD's greatness with me; let us exalt His name together.

Prayer of Adoration (unison)

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost You sent Your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel; empower us with that same Spirit to witness to Your redeeming love and draw all people to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn #275 "How Firm a Foundation" (*see insert*)

We Humble Ourselves in Confession

A Call to Confession

Mathew 3: 1

In those days, John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, because the Kingdom of Heaven is near!"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, You poured Your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of Your Spirit among us. We do not listen for Your word of grace, speak the good news of Your love, or live as people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of Your Spirit, and fill us with the flaming desire to be Your faithful people, doing Your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Luke 1: 78-79

By the tender mercy of our God the dawn from on high will break upon us to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death to guide our feet into the way of peace. We are forgiven. We are given New Life. Let us live into this New Life in love, mercy, and peace. Amen.

Hymn #247 "Spirit of the Living God" (*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:

Acts 2: 1-13

When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and rested on each one of them. Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were Jews staying in Jerusalem, devout people from every nation under heaven. When this sound occurred, a crowd came together and was confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? How is it that each of us can hear them in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites; those who live in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts), Cretans and Arabs - we hear them declaring the magnificent acts of God in our own tongues." They were all astounded and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But some sneered and said, "They're drunk on new wine."

Sermon Title: "The Breath of the Holy Spirit"
The comforting presence of the Holy Spirit is still with us today.

The People Respond

Hymn #259 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (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**

O God, You endow us with talent beyond what we earn or deserve. You seek from us service to You in all that we think, yearn for, and do. As we bring our gifts and offerings before You, may they reflect a wise investment of Your trust in us. May Your kingdom's work increase. Amen.

Closing Hymn #295 "Revive Us Again" (see insert)

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