

August 16, 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

August 16, 2020 / 10:00 AM

The People Gather

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 40: 4-5

Pastor: How happy is anyone who has put his trust in the LORD.

People: And has not turned to the proud or to those who run after lies!

Pastor: LORD my God, You have done many things -Your wondrous works and Your plans for us.

People: None can compare with You. If I were to report and speak of them, they are more than can be told.

Prayer of Adoration (responsive)

Great and good God, give us pure hearts that we may see You, humble hearts that we may hear You, hearts of love that we may see You, hearts of faith that we might live in You, reverent hearts that we may worship You, here and in the world surrounding us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #51 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (*red hymnal / see insert*)

We Humble Ourselves in Confession

A Call to Confession

Jeremiah 10:23-24

I know, LORD, that our lives are not our own. We are not able to plan our own course. So, correct me, LORD, but please be gentle. Do not correct me in anger, for I would die.

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

We wander around in life, O God, and try to convince ourselves we know where we are headed, but we are lost. We can't find our way without You. Forgive us when we ignore self-discipline, divine guidance, and service in an attempt to find ourselves. Draw us closer to Christ, that we may understand His guiding presence in our lives which will keep us in His care. In His name we pray. 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 #56 “Day by Day” (*red hymnal / see insert*)

*If you are able, please stand. / **Bold = people participate**

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: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-3
About the times and the seasons: Brothers and sisters, you do not need anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. When they say, "Peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

Sermon Title: "Epic Times"
We can trust God to take care of us today, tomorrow, and forever.

The People Respond

Hymn #46 "God Leads Us Along" (*red hymnal / see insert*)

A Season of Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer
Our Silent and Personal Prayers
The Lord's Prayer

***Affirmation of Faith (responsive)** (*see insert*)

"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, with grateful hearts we present these gifts and ourselves with a prayer that our offerings might be used to the glory of God and for the work of God's Kingdom on earth. In the name of our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn #47 "God Will Take Care of You" (*red hymnal / see insert*)

***The Charge and Benediction**

The Postlude

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

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