

**September 6, 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 40: 12-16

Pastor: For troubles without number have surrounded me; my iniquities have overtaken me; I am unable to see and my courage leaves me.

**People: LORD, be pleased to rescue me; hurry to help me, LORD.**

Pastor: Let those who intend to take my life be disgraced and confounded. Let those who wish harm be turned back and humiliated.

**People: Let all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; let those who love Your salvation continually say, "The LORD is great!"**

### 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 #552 "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" v. 1 & 2 (*red hymnal*)

## We Humble Ourselves in Confession

### A Call to Confession

Romans 5: 8-9

But God demonstrated His own 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 through Him!

### Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Gracious and Merciful God, You are so good to us in countless ways. Yet we spend more time complaining about what we don't have than praising You for the blessings You have given us. Instead of seeking Your will and wisdom for our lives, we go our own way and then wonder why we encounter difficulties and disappointments. Forgive us, Father, for being ungrateful and self-willed and renew the relationship we have with You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5: 17-19

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

### Hymn #553 "Sweet By and By" (*red hymnal*)

\*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: 16-22  
Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Don't stifle the Spirit. Don't despise prophecies, but test all things. Hold on to what is good. Stay away from every kind of evil.

Sermon Title: "This Is God's Will For Us"  
*Live life with an eternal perspective.*

## The People Respond

**Hymn #548 "Beyond the Sunset"** (*red hymnal*)

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

### **The Sharing of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

The Invitation to the Table  
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them unto the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
The Pastoral Prayer  
Our Silent and Personal Prayers  
**The Lord's Prayer (unison)**  
The Breaking of the Bread  
The Sharing of the Loaf and Cup

### **The Prayer Upon Leaving the Table (unison)**

**Loving God, You have given us a share in the one bread and one cup, and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring Your salvation and joy to the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

"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 (unison)**

We bring offerings of love, O God, with the prayer that through these gifts Your will might be done. We are ever conscious that our gifts must be accompanied by our desire to serve Your holy will. Bless us in all that we would do and all that we are. Amen.

**Closing Hymn #542 “When We All Get to Heaven”** *(red hymnal)*

**\*The Charge and Benediction**

**The Postlude**

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