

January 10, 2021

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 55: 1, 2, 4, 5, 16

Pastor: God, listen to my prayer and do not hide from my plea for help.

**People: Pay attention to me and answer me. I am restless and in turmoil with my complaint,**

Pastor: My heart shudders within me; terrors of death sweep over me. Fear and trembling grip me; horror has overwhelmed me.

**People: But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.**

### Prayer of Adoration (responsive)

Eternal God, You have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised Your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of Your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Opening Hymn #555 “We’re Marching to Zion” v. 1, 3, 4 (*red hymnal / see insert*)

## We Humble Ourselves in Confession

### A Call to Confession

1 John 1: 8-9

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so we may fight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

### The Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3: 5-7

He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of His grace, He made us right in His sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life. Amen.

### Hymn #548 “Beyond the Sunset” (*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:

Ruth 1: 1-7

During the time of the judges, there was a famine in the land. A man left Bethlehem in Judah with his wife and two sons to stay in the territory of Moab for a while. The man's name was Elimelech, and his wife's name was Naomi. The names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They entered the fields of Moab and settled there. Naomi's husband, Elimelech, died, and she was left with her two sons. Her sons took Moabite women as their wives: one was named Orpah and the second was named Ruth. After they lived in Moab about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, and the woman was left without her two children and without her husband. She and her daughters-in-law set out to return from the territory of Moab, because she had heard in Moab that the LORD had paid attention to his people's need by providing them food. She left the place where she had been living, accompanied by her two daughters-in-law, and traveled along the road leading back to the land of Judah.

Sermon Title:

“The Tragedy of the Loss of a Loved One”  
*God is faithful to us even when we lose someone we love.*

## The People Respond

**Hymn #493 “It Is Well with My Soul”** (*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**

God, Creator of the world and giver of all good things, we give thanks and make our offerings for the work of Your kingdom. Bless all that we plan and all that we do, that it might be according to Your will and a blessing to Your people. In these gifts, we give our thanks. Amen.

**Closing Hymn #553 “Sweet By and By”** (*red hymnal / see insert*)

**\*The Charge and Benediction**

**The Postlude**

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