

**April 26, 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 32: 6-8

Pastor: Therefore let everyone who is faithful pray to You immediately. When great floodwaters come, they will not reach him.

**People: You are my hiding place; You protect me from trouble.**

Pastor: You surround me with joyful shouts of deliverance.

**People: *The LORD says: "I will instruct you and show you the way to go; with My eye on you, I will give counsel."***

### Prayer of Adoration (unison)

*Clement of Rome*

**O God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray to be grounded and settled in Your truth by the coming down of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up; that which we know, confirm; and keep us blameless in Your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn "He Lives" (*see insert*)

## We Humble Ourselves in Confession

### A Call to Confession

Psalm 139: 23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Holy and Merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins and help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### The Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3: 5-7

He save 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.

### Hymn "Because He Lives" (*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: 36-49

As they were saying these things, he himself stood in their midst. He said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost. "Why are you troubled?" he asked them. "And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself! Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." Having said this, he showed them his hands and feet. But while they still were amazed and in disbelief because of their joy, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" So they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

He told them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He also said to them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead the third day, and repentance for forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And look, I am sending you what my Father promised. As for you, stay in the city until you are empowered from on high."

Sermon Title: "The Appearing"  
*Jesus gives us peace.*

## The People Respond

**Hymn "Peace Like a River"** (*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 “Sunshine in My Soul”** (*see insert*)

**\*The Charge and Benediction**

**The Postlude**

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