

July 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

July 26, 2020 / 10:00 AM

The People Gather

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 37: 30-33

Pastor: The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak what is just.

People: The law of God is in their hearts; their feet do not slip.

Pastor: The wicked lie in wait for the righteous, intent on putting them to death;

People: but the LORD will not leave them in the power of the wicked, or let them be condemned when brought to trial.

Prayer of Adoration (unison)

St. Augustine

O Loving God, full of compassion, I commit myself to You, in whom I am, and live and know. Be the goal of my pilgrimage, and my rest by the way. Let my soul take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought beneath the shadow of Your wings. Let my heart, this sea of restless waves, find peace in You, O God. Amen.

The Opening Hymn #8 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” v. 1 & 4

(red hymnal / see insert)

We Humble Ourselves in Confession

A Call to Confession

1 John 2: 1,2

If you do sin, Jesus Christ always does the right thing, and He will speak to the Father for us. Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and the sins of the world's people.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from You. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to hear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In Your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 9: 8

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every work. As it is written: “He has scattered abroad His gifts to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.”

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

Hymn #437 “Pure and Holy” (*red hymnal / 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: 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-8
As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you His Holy Spirit.

Sermon Title: “How To Live As Christians”
Live life to please God.

The People Respond

Hymn #441 “Take Time to Be Holy” (*red hymnal / see insert*)

A Season of Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer
Our Silent and Personal Prayers
The Lord’s Prayer (unison)

***Affirmation of Faith (unison)** (*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, 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 #443 “Give Me Jesus” (*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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