

March 14, 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

March 14, 2021 / 10:00 AM

The People Gather

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 65: 5-8

Pastor: You answer us in righteousness, with awe-inspiring works, God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the distant seas.

People: You establish the mountains by Your power; You are robed with strength.

Pastor: You silence the roar of the seas, the roar of their waves, and the tumult of the nations.

People: Those who live far away are awed by Your signs; You make east and west shout for joy.

Prayer of Adoration (responsive)

Almighty God, before whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #330 “Only Trust Him” v. 1 & 3 (*red hymnal / see insert*)

We Humble Ourselves in Confession

A Call to Confession

1 John 1: 8-9

If we say 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)

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 bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by 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

Titus 3: 5-7

He saved us, not because of the righteous things we have 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.

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

Hymn #529 “O, How I Love Jesus” (*red hymnal / see insert*)

We Listen for God’s Word

A Moment with the Children and Youth

*Into the Lion’s den Daniel was thrown.
He was saved by God because Daniel was not alone.*

A Prayer for Illumination

The Presentation of the Word

The Reading of the Old Testament:

Ruth 4: 1-12

Boaz went to the gate of the town and sat down there. Soon the family redeemer Boaz had spoken about came by. Boaz said, “Come over here and sit down.” So he went over and sat down. Then Boaz took ten men of the town’s elders and said, “Sit here.” And they sat down. He said to the redeemer, “Naomi, who has returned from the territory of Moab, is selling the portion of the field that belonged to our brother Elimelech. I thought I should inform you: Buy it back in the presence of those seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you want to redeem it, do it. But if you do not want to redeem it, tell me so that I will know, because there isn’t anyone other than you to redeem it, and I am next after you.” “I want to redeem it,” he answered. Then Boaz said, “On the day you buy the field from Naomi, you will acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the deceased man, to perpetuate the man’s name on his property.” The redeemer replied, “I can’t redeem it myself, or I will ruin my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption, because I can’t redeem it.” At an earlier period in Israel, a man removed his sandal and gave it to the other party in order to make any matter legally binding concerning the right of redemption or the exchange of property. This was the method of legally binding a transaction in Israel. So the redeemer removed his sandal and said to Boaz, “Buy back the property yourself.” Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses today that I am buying from Naomi everything that belonged to Elimelech, Chilion, and Mahlon. I have also acquired Ruth the Moabitess, Mahlon’s widow, as my wife, to perpetuate the deceased man’s name on his property, so that his name will not disappear among his relatives or from the gate of his hometown. You are witnesses today.” All the people who were at the city gate, including the elders, said, “We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is entering your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built the house of Israel. May you be powerful in Ephrathah and your name well known in Bethlehem. May your house become like the house of Perez, the son Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring the LORD will give you by this young woman.”

Sermon Title:

“Redemption Secured”

Jesus is our redeemer and calls us to help others.

The People Respond

Hymn #521 “Redeemed” v. 1, 3, 4 (*red hymnal / see insert*)

A Season of Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

Our Silent and Personal Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

***Affirmation of Faith (responsive)**

The Apostle’s Creed, Traditional

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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**

O God, You endow us with talent beyond what we earn or deserve. You seek from us service to You in all that we thin, 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 #339 “Since I Have Been Redeemed” (*red hymnal / see insert*)

***The Charge and Benediction**

The Postlude

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