

April 18, 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

April 18, 2021 / 10:00 AM

The People Gather

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 66: 16-17, 19, 20

Pastor: Come and listen, all who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for me.

People: I cried out to Him with my mouth, and praise was on my tongue.

Pastor: However, God has listened; He has paid attention to the sound of my prayer.

People: Blessed be God! He has not turned away my prayer or turned his faithful love from me.

Prayer of Adoration (responsive)

St. Augustine

O Loving God, full of compassion, I commit and commend 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.

Opening Hymn #97 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (*red hymnal / 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 (responsive)

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 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.

Hymn #212 “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” (*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

Choose today, Jesus's way.

A Prayer for Illumination

The Presentation of the Word

The Reading of the New Testament:

Acts 1: 12-26

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem - a Sabbath day's journey away. When they arrived, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. They all were continually united in prayer, along with the women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters - the number of people who were together was about a hundred twenty - and said, "Brothers and sisters, it was necessary that the Scripture be fulfilled that the Holy Spirit through the mouth of David foretold about Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was one of our number and shared in this ministry." Now this man acquired a field with his unrighteous wages. He fell head-first, his body burst open and his intestines spilled out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that in their own language that field is called *Hakeldama* (that is, "Field of Blood"). "For it is written in the Book of Psalms: Let his dwelling become desolate; let no one live in it; and Let someone else take his position. "Therefore, from among the men who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us - beginning from the baptism of John until the day he was taken up from us - from among these, it is necessary that one become a witness with us of his resurrection." So they proposed two: Joseph, called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, "You, Lord, know everyone's hearts; show which of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry that Judas left to go where he belongs." Then they cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Sermon Title:

"The Last Disciple"

Pray first, before we choose or decide.

The People Respond

Hymn #525 "Here I Am, Lord " (*blue hymnal / see insert*)

A Season of Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

Our Silent and Personal Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

***Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

The Heidelberg Catechism

I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair cannot fall from my head without the will of my Father in Heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

“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**

With grateful hearts, O Lord, we come to You, bearing our gifts as pledges of our service to Your Holy Kingdom. Let the offering we make be also an offering of ourselves to Your Holy Will. Amen.

Closing Hymn #309 “Pass It On” (*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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