

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

We are standing here on holy ground.

O give thanks to God and call upon God's name.

God calls us and promises to be with us in all of life.

Sing to God and praise God's holy name.

Let our hearts rejoice in the wonderful works God has done.

Let us worship God!

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life, yet we have closed our eyes and ears and hearts against that invitation. You have shown us the way to love, yet we have chosen too often the path of uncaring. You have called us to the ministry of reconciliation, yet often we find ourselves tempted to turn away from others. You have challenged us to generosity, but many times we would rather keep to ourselves. Enter our lives, God, once again. Release us from the bonds of self-centeredness. Create in us a renewed openness to your love, that we may share your love with others. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

HYMN 442 *Just as I Am, without One Plea*

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 16: 21 - 26**

SERMON *His Cross and Ours* **Rev. Scott Lawson**

The great invitation of the Christian life is to live a life of connectedness with the Son of God who died broken.
From *Following Jesus*, by Henri J. M. Nouwen

ANTHEM *Lord, Make My Life a Sacrifice*, Lloyd Larson
Starmount Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Offering boxes are available at the back of the sanctuary.
Gifts may also be made online at starmountpres.org.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2: 5 - 11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

BENEDICTION

Thank you for joining us for worship today.

Please consider participating in our live-streamed service when you can't make it to church. Each Sunday's service can be found on starmountpres.org and [youtube.com/StarmountPres](https://www.youtube.com/StarmountPres)

Announcements

Easter Lilies – This Easter, honor or remember someone special by purchasing an Easter Lily for \$15.50 per plant or donating to the Mission Committee or Susan White Helping Hands Fund. Order forms can be found on the Gathering Space desk. All forms and donations must be in by **Sunday, April 3rd**, and all lilies will be in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 17. If you'd prefer to pay online, you can scan the QR code to the right.



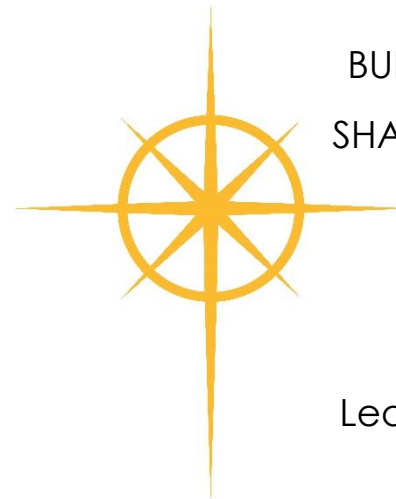
Pennies for Hunger Collection – During this time of reflection the Mission Committee encourages you to make a donation of pennies...or dollars... to help feed the hungry. You can donate in the following ways: drop your donation in the offering box on Sunday, bring a donation to the church office, mail in or give online with the QR code on the right. All your donations will be matched by the Mission Committee!



Nominating Committee – Nominations are currently being solicited from the congregation for individuals to serve on the 2022 nominating committee. Please submit your recommendations to Anne Cullinan, anne@starmountpres.org, by March 30.

Spring Fling – Join us on Saturday, April 9, 2 – 5 pm in the parking lot for our Spring Fling! There will be games, crafts, inflatables, and Easter treats! We are in need of candy donations for the event. If you are interested in donating candy for our event, please bring pre-wrapped candy to Cindy Lee.

Pine Straw – If you are interested in purchasing pine straw with proceeds from the sale benefiting future mission trips, please contact Neil Huffman at mnhuff@earthlink.net.



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