August 28, 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

ANTHEM

Silence the Stones, Craig Courtney
Starmount Chancel Choir

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

**HYMN 487** These Treasured Children **HYMN 695** Change My Heart, O God (sung 2x)

### **WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP**

God welcomes us all.

Whoever we are, wherever we are, however we are, God welcomes us all.

## **OPENING MUSIC**

#### SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Christ Jesus you show us a way that is humble and that seeks the good of others. While we offer you praise from our pew, we confess that we often fail to follow your example in our daily lives. We embrace the currency of status and self-righteousness rather than humility and grace. We listen too often to voices that encourage us to dehumanize the other rather than listening to your voice that leads us to love others. Forgive us, O God, and shower us with your grace. (silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

**RESPONSE HYMN 447** We Are Forgiven

# CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

**HYMN 509** All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

**SCRIPTURE READING**Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14

**SERMON** Laura Roberson

#### INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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

#### **RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Gracious God, creator, giver of all that is good, Bless the gifts that we bring to you today
These gifts represent our work, our hopes, & dreams
And we offer them in gratitude to you.
Bless them that they may be used for your service,
May you move us to be more faithful disciples.

# **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Confession of 1967, 9**

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So, to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN 372** O for a World

**BENEDICTION** 

# Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee, Pastor
Rev. Scott Lawson, Parish Associate
Robert Overman, Director of Worship Arts
Michael Parker, Pianist/Organist
Cindy Lee, Director of Children's Ministries
Laura Roberson, Director of Youth & Refugee Ministries

#### **Announcements**

**Flowers returning in September –** Flowers in the Sanctuary will be returning in September! Arrangements will cost between \$55 - \$60 per Sunday. If you are interested in reserving a Sunday, please contact Jinny Buchanan at (336) 549-4674, <a href="mailto:jinnybug@mindspring.com">jinnybug@mindspring.com</a> or call the office.

**Welcome Home Sunday** – Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, join us for worship and stay after as we'll kick-off the program year with outdoor games and a coffee truck immediately following the service. Be sure to read the Starmount weekly email delivered to your inbox each Wednesday for more details on upcoming events!

**Tutoring Interest Meeting** – The Tutoring Program at Starmount has created great bonds within our community and helped many families. But it needs your help! There will be a Q&A meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. Please email Laura Roberson at <a href="mailto:laura@starmountpres.org">laura@starmountpres.org</a> if you plan to attend, to indicate your level of interest or to let us know if you need a Zoom link to attend. For more details visit the "events" page of our website <a href="mailto:https://starmountpres.org/events/">https://starmountpres.org/events/</a>.

Join us for a **Bridal Shower in honor of Laura Roberson** on September  $17^{th}$ , with drop in from 1-3 pm . If you are looking for a gift idea, please consider giving toward the purchase of a new stove. Sheila Beane will collect cash or a check to present a collective gift at the shower.



Welcome to Sunday Worship

August 28, 2022 · 10:00 a.m.