

September 18, 2022 **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*
HYMN 661 *Why Should I Feel Discouraged?*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

**We come as seekers,
Unsure of what we seek.
We come as followers,
Not fully understanding the One we follow.
We come to worship,
Even though we don't know how.
Holy One, by your grace,
Meet us where we are.
Meet us here. Meet us now.**

OPENING MUSIC *How Firm a Foundation*, arr. Sandra Eithun
Starmount Ringers

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, the one and only Christ, You called many people from many walks of life – to leave their own ways, follow you and be your disciples. We ask for your Spirit's help with this for we are quick to focus on ourselves, our labels and our differences rather than the same nets in our hands, and the same leader before us.

Help us to stand as one church – your church – and to lift our focus from our differences and divides. Help us to leave our own ways and follow you together; support each other as we seek to be your disciples; and work together to focus on fishing once more.

For the sake of our worship of you, our love for each other, and the future and freedom of all those still living in want. Christ have mercy! (silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE **HYMN 829** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*, verse 1

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

HYMN 340

This Is My Song

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2: 1 - 10

SERMON "Sermons We See"

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM *Bless His Holy Name*, arr. Patricia Sanders Cota
Starmount Ringers

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

Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image in every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In life and in death we belong to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 792

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BENEDICTION

*The flowers today are given by Kris Kattmann in celebration of Kevin's 60th birthday.

Announcements

Session has called a **Congregational Meeting for Sunday, September 25** to elect the class of 2025 Elders: Frank Burton, Karen Smith, Paul Tiedeman, Howard Williams, and Parks Williams. Bio sheets can be found on the welcome desk in the Narthex.

Simple Moms Book Club will meet October 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 9:30 – 11 am in the church parlor. We will read a chapter of "Simplicity Parenting" each week and meet for discussion. Childcare will be provided. For more information contact the church office.

Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY) activities for the month of September: September 18th if anyone is planning to attend PRIDE downtown, connect with Laura after worship; September 25th Great SPY Baking Show! We will have a cake decorating contest! Start collecting your ideas! Contact Laura for additional information laura@starmountpres.org.

It's almost October and time for the **Greater Greensboro CROP Walk**, October 2! **Our walkers will meet at the church at 1:30 pm and carpool to the Coliseum** to walk together. If you are interested in walking with us, please call or email the church office.

If you are interested in **reserving flowers** for an upcoming Sunday, please contact Jinny Buchanan at jinnybug@mindspring.com or (336) 549-4674.



**Welcome to Sunday Worship
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