

February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

GATHERING PRAYER

Fill us with your holy love, O Lord, and open the treasures of your wisdom to us. You alone know all that we desire. So perfect what you have begun in us and answer the prayers you instill in us through the stirring of your Holy Spirit. Even as we seek your face, turn to us and show us your glory. Then our longing will be satisfied, and our peace will be complete. Amen.

Based on a prayer of Augustine of Hippo (354–430)

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we do not always act as the children whom you made us to be. We are on our best behavior with strangers but save our anger, frustration and hurt for those we love. We're sorry. Please forgive us. We don't always look for your face in the people around us. Instead of loving and supporting other people we judge them as somebody who isn't good enough or idolize them as somebody who we'd rather be. We're sorry. Please forgive us. You tell us that blessed are the peacemakers, the meek, the merciful, and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. We confess that our lives don't always reflect these qualities you desire in us. While we pay lip service to peace, we don't go out of our way to make it a reality. While we say that you are all we need, too often we search for satisfaction elsewhere. You tell us to have no other gods before you. We confess that we don't always honor you as our Lord and King. We're sorry. Please forgive us. (silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 43 v. 1

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

And he will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 306**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:21-26

SERMON

"Cracking the Code"

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Carl Mueller

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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 – The Apostles' Creed

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN 22**

God of the Sparrow

BENEDICTION

*Please stand in body or spirit

Announcements

"Meeting Jesus at the Table" – During Lent, we will offer multiple Bible Studies, Home Dinners with Reflection and a Sermon Series based on the book "Meeting Jesus at the Table". If you would like to purchase your own copy you can purchase it on Amazon or call the church office by February 19 to order a copy for \$12.

Host Homes needed – The weeks of March 12 & March 19 Starmount Presbyterian needs people willing to open their homes for dinner and a time of reflection on "Meeting Jesus at the Table". Hosts will not be required to cook the meal (unless you are an awesome cook 😊), only coordinate the meal with the participants who sign up to attend at your home. Program staff will be on hand to facilitate the study. Call the church office and let us know if you are interested in hosting.

Pennies for Hunger Collection Today - 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. Find the link to give online on the church website or in your church email.

The Women of the Church are hosting a drop in **baby shower for Jaimie Irvan** today after worship in the parlor. Jaimie already has plenty of pink clothing. Check your email for the online link to her Amazon Baby Registry.

Support the **Starmount Preschool** and buy books at the Book Fair, **February 12 – 21**, in room 204.

Mardi Gras Night – Friday, **February 17** at 6:00pm. Pancakes, Bingo, King Cake & more!

Open Choir: We invite all music lovers to join our **"open choir"** on February 19th. NO previous musical knowledge is necessary, only the desire to make a joyful noise! We'll meet the morning of **2/19 at 9am** (no need to come to any Wednesday night choir rehearsals), and put together an accessible, yet fulfilling choral anthem. We're super eager to lift up the Lord in song with you! Questions about open choir can be emailed to Jada Poteat at jadapoteat@gmail.com.

Just Lunch - Join us following worship next Sunday, **February 19** for lunch at K&W Cafeteria. Visitors are welcome as our guest. Children welcome as well!

Ash Wednesday Service - Join us on Ash Wednesday, **February 22** at 6:00pm, as we begin the season of Lent with a Potluck Supper in Fellowship Hall followed by a service.

Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY) activities for February: – 13th – Second Monday Moe's; Come to dinner at Moe's @ Friendly. Laura will be there from 6-7:30pm! **17th – Mardi Gras Night;** Come to church for a pancake night! 6pm in Fellowship Hall. **22nd – Ash Wednesday;** Join your church family for the Ash Wednesday service. Contact Laura for additional information. laura@starmountpres.org.

Women's Retreat - "A Seat at the Table" - Registration is now open! Join us as we travel to Montreat, **March 3-5**, for our annual Women's Retreat! This year's speaker is Laura Roberson Hadas. Total cost of the retreat is \$130 with a \$50 deposit due at time of registration. Check your email for the online link to register or contact the church office.



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**Welcome to Sunday Worship
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