

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

GATHERING PRAYER (Psalm 119:33-40)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. Turn my heart to your decrees and not to selfish gain. Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; be gracious to me according to your word. Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you. Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good. See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness be gracious to me.

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Written by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell)

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed, and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways. Amen.
(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 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5: 43 – 48

SERMON

"The Accent of Love"
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision
Alice Parker

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

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children, healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
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.**
(from A Brief Declaration of Faith)

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 753**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

BENEDICTION

*Please stand in body or spirit

Announcements

"Meeting Jesus at the Table" Lent Book Study – Groups are forming now for small group studies during the season of Lent. Our guide for these studies will be the book "Meeting Jesus at the Table" by Cynthia Campbell & Christine Coy Fohr. There will be a group that meets on Sunday's and one that meets on Wednesday's. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. When you sign up, please vote for which time works best for you. These small groups will begin Feb. 26.

In an effort to reach out beyond our congregation, we would like to offer this study to groups you may already be a part of. If any member of the congregation has a group of 5 or more, then we will match your group with a leader who will come to you. If your book club, exercise group, golf group, or group of brewery buddies is interested, please contact the church office at (336) 299-8131.

If you would like to purchase your own copy of "Meeting Jesus at the Table" you can purchase it on Amazon.

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.

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

Support the **Starmount Preschool** and buy books at the **Book Fair** until **February 23**, in room 204.

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: – 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.

Legacy & Estate Planning Workshop following worship on Sunday, March 19, with Lunch provided. Check your emails and bulletins in the upcoming weeks for more information.



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Welcome to Sunday Worship
February 19, 2023 · 10:00 a.m.