

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 30)

Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones,
and give thanks to God's holy name.
For God's anger is but for a moment;
God's favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
O Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

GATHERING MUSIC**HYMN 69***Here I Am, Lord***GATHERING PRAYER**

Dear Lord and parent of us all, we find comfort in this place, our church home. It's the place that has to take us in. We come here this morning just as you know us, with all our differences. We are not like-minded people. No, not at all – we are an untidy gang of seekers. Lord, before the sun sets today, we will likely even change our own minds about one thing or another. And change it more than once! What a miracle it is, then, that your home makes room for us all. May we leave here today, united in the things that matter: your love and your purpose. Amen.

OPENING MUSIC**SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, this past week has been like so many before it: we thought we would be better than we were. We wanted to pray more, study more, trust more. We meant to be gentle, with each other and with the world. We intended to let grace have the last word. We have disappointed ourselves again, O God, and we are afraid we have disappointed you, too. There is such distance between who we are and who we want to be. Help us. Receive us as we are, but do not leave us this way. (Silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE**HYMN 791 v. 3 & 6***For You, My God, I Wait*

If you should list my faults, the sins of heart and hand, like sleepless ones who groan at dawn I know I could not stand!

O God, you are my hope; I know that you forgive. Your love redeems me from the depths so I may rise and live.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION***HYMN 498** *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken***SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 6: 30 - 44

SERMON*"Enough"*

Rev. Scott Lawson

ANTHEM

Carter Walton, Guest Musician

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 believe:

- that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
- that we love one another;
- that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;
- that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;
- that we together know and bear one another's burdens;
- that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;
- that we pray together;
- that we together serve God in this world;
- and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

(from **The Confession of Belhar** - a Christian statement of belief written in Afrikaans in 1982, during apartheid in South Africa. It was adopted into the Presbyterian Church (USA) Constitution in 2016.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYERGod, we ask of you: **BE WITH US ON OUR LENTEN JOURNEY**

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 475Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***BENEDICTION*****Please stand in body or spirit**

Our worship leaders today:
Barbara Newbauer – liturgist
Sally Cobb – testimonial

Carter Walton & Richard Porter – musicians

*The flowers today are given by Barbara Newbauer in memory of her parents, Charles Brian and Barbara Houghton Chinn.

Announcements

Thank you for joining us for worship this Sunday! We hope you will find it to be an uplifting and meaningful experience. If you are a **guest or visitor**, we invite you to stop by our information desk in the Narthex (entry space). We have a gift for you as well as some information about our wonderful community of faith. If you feel comfortable sharing your contact information, we invite you to also fill out a visitor card.

Families with young children are invited to stop by the children's corner in the Narthex. Here you can check in your children for nursery care and staff can direct you to our downstairs classrooms. There are also worship/activity bags available.

"Meeting Jesus at the Table" Lent Book Study – Beginning today we will offer two book studies each week. We will meet in the conference room on Sundays @ 11:30 am and Wednesdays @ 8:30 am.

In-Home Gatherings – Join one of our In-Home Gatherings during Lent. Host homes, days & times are posted in the Narthex for you to sign up.

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.

The **Spring Preschool Consignment Sale** is happening **March 9 – 11**. If you are interested in volunteering or being a consigner, please email starmountpreschoolsale@gmail.com.

Legacy & Estate Planning Workshop following worship on Sunday, March 19, with Lunch provided. Call the church office to register.

39th Annual Bach's Lunch will be held **March 20 – 24** at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary. Please check your emails for the lineup of artists performing.



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Welcome to Sunday Worship
February 26, 2023 · 10:00 a.m.