

April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

Here I Am to Worship

GATHERING PRAYER

Risen Christ, we claim your grace, your mercy, your forgiveness. We claim your resurrection power: dying, you destroy our death. Rising, you restore our life. You come now with saving power. Alleluia! Amen.

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, your promises stand steady through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we might stand tall in faith. It is easy for us to become overwhelmed: our world is filled with too much violence, our schedules are filled with too much chaos, our hearts are filled with too much hurt. Too often, we allow those stories to define our days. So come to us, O God, and tell us your story once again, as we seek to set fear aside and trust in your truth.

(Silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

**O for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned,
He has mercy and pardon.
Pardon for you and for me.
"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 817** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 24-31

SERMON

"Come to Believe"
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

Just Enough Oil/God Will Provide
Mark Patterson
Evyne Franklin and Megan Weiss

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 *(based on the Brief Statement of Faith)*

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Not our doubts or failings, nor our questions or hesitations. Though we learn Jesus' example through His preaching, teaching, and healing, we are still in need of His saving action on the cross. Even through our missteps, God acts with justice and mercy to redeem all of creation.

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 664**

Morning Has Broken

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

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.

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

Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY) activities for April:

April 17th - Moe's Monday; Come to dinner at Moe's @Friendly for dinner once a month. Laura will be there from 6 - 7:30.

April 30th - SPY; Come for dinner, games, and some community discussion as we center ourselves after spring break. Contact Laura for additional information.

laura@starmountpres.org

Thank you Jada! Join us for a reception in the Narthex following worship on **April 30th** as we recognize and thank Jada for her time with us as Interim Director of Music.

Nominating Committee recommendations: Nominations are currently being solicited from the congregation for individuals to serve on the 2023 nominating committee. Please submit your recommendations to the church office **prior to April 30**. Submit by email to anne@starmountpres.org.

Friday, May 5th we will have an evening of music and fellowship featuring Elliott Michael Smith. More information will be forthcoming in your weekly emails.

Sentimental Journey - Join us as we honor our members 80 years and older with a luncheon and tea following the service on **May 21st!** There is no cost to those 80 years and older and a suggested donation of \$15 for those under 80. You can register using the link in your congregational email or by calling the church office at 336-299-8131.

Save the date for Starmount's intergenerational (14 yrs. old and up) **Mission Trip** to Eastern Kentucky, **July 9-15**. Contact Neil Huffman for details at mnhuff@earthlink.net.

Faith Formation Opportunity Interest - Following the success of our Lenten study groups, we are interested in hearing from the congregation regarding faith formation opportunities going forward. If you have any interest in attending a Bible and/or Book study, or prayer group on an on-going basis, please contact Charlie by email at charlie@starmountpres.org. Please also indicate if you would be willing to serve as a coordinator/organizer of a group, or if you would be willing to occasionally teach a class.

Pine Straw – If you're interested in purchasing pine straw with proceeds benefitting future mission trips, please contact Neil Huffman at mnhuff@earthlink.net.

Tiny House Update – As the seasons change, and hopefully dry out, we will look to schedule some workdays to continue work on the Starmount home over the coming months. Watch for notices here and in your emails. Contact Kevin Kattmann, kkattmann62@yahoo.com, if you have questions or are interested in volunteering.

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

Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee, Pastor

Rev. Scott Lawson, Parish Associate

Jada Poteat, Interim Director of Music

Michael Parker, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lee, Director of Children's Ministries

Laura Roberson Hadas, Director of Youth & Refugee Ministries

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