

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*God Is So Good*  
Starmount Ringers

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**We've come to worship God, who loved us before we were yet born, who knows us even better than we know ourselves, whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases. This is our God. Let's worship together!**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**HYMN 406** *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*  
**HYMN 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy vs. 1 & 4*

**PRAYER****OPENING MUSIC**

*Morning Has Broken*  
arr. Michael Ryan  
Starmount Ringers

**SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, forgive us. We struggle to tell you how it is with us, because we hardly understand ourselves. We are a mixed-up mess of conflicted feelings and contradictory actions. We have let down the people we love. We have not loved with our whole hearts. We have compromised our ideals. We have unrealistic expectations. We have yielded to temptation. We have lost track of our joy. We have puffed up our self-importance. We have discounted our true worth. We have rushed to judgment of others. We have let ourselves off the hook. Make sense of our hearts, O God, and fill us with your grace.**

(Silent prayers)

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

**RESPONSE**

**HYMN 447** *We Are Forgiven*

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION**

**\*HYMN 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Peter 3: 13 - 22

**SERMON**

Laura Roberson Hadas

**ANTHEM**

*Creator of the Stars of Night*  
arr. Shawn Gingrich  
Starmount Ringers

**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](http://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 54**

*Make A Joyful Noise to God!*

**BENEDICTION**

**\*Please stand in body or spirit**

\*The flowers today are given by Jim & Jean Fisher in memory and dedication to all the mothers in this congregation and throughout the world.

**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.

**Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY) activities for May:**

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** – SPY; Youth Sunday Planning – Come for dinner and plan for our youth Sunday on May 28<sup>th</sup>!

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Sunday Worship Service  
Contact Laura for additional information.

[laura@starmountpres.org](mailto:laura@starmountpres.org)

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** after worship **today, Sunday, May 14**. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the 2023 Nominating Committee. The proposed slate is:

Debbie Stubbs – chair, Joel Ritter - vice chair (2024 chair)  
Suzanne McIntire, Kim Dawson, Barb Newbauer,  
David Buchanan, Haywood Ingram

**Sentimental Journey** - Join us as we honor our members 80 years and older with a luncheon, tea, and music by April Talbott following the service on **May 21<sup>st</sup>**! 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, sign-up in the Narthex or call the church office at 336-299-8131. **Registration closes on May 15<sup>th</sup>!**

**Earth Care Sunday** - Starmount Presbyterian Church was certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Presbyterian Hunger Program this year! We will celebrate Earth Care Sunday on **June 4<sup>th</sup>**. The Earth Care Team will present "10 Simple Things" Understanding how our everyday actions can impact the world entrusted to us! A Short Conversation Lead by Lorelei Elkins, Community Environmental Program's Specialist, will occur following worship in room 319.

**Join us for a class on how to use Realm!** Whether you have already been using Realm or are a complete beginner, this class is for you! We will learn as a group and will have volunteers to work one-on-one with attendees. Bring the phone or tablet that you will use to access Realm. You must be able to access your email on your phone or tablet to participate. The class will be held on **June 11<sup>th</sup> following worship** in Room 319. Register by clicking the link in your email or call the church office.



### **Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff**

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Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee, Pastor

Rev. Scott Lawson, Parish Associate

Sarah Downey, Director of Music

Michael Parker, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lee, Director of Children's Ministries

Laura Roberson Hadas, Director of Youth & Refugee  
Ministries

**Welcome to Sunday Worship**  
**May 14, 2023 · 10:00 a.m.**