

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

PRAYER

Creator God, Your extravagant love has called us together. Long before we even knew You, You already knew us, and had chosen us to be part of Your own family—What amazing love You have shown toward us! And so we come before You with praise and thanksgiving, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives, and opening ourselves to the prompting and leading of Your Holy Spirit. May the time we spend here in Your presence bring honor and glory to Your name. Amen.

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Book of Common Worship

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.
(Silent prayer)

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 634**

To God Be the Glory

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2: 2 - 10

SERMON

"Being God's People"
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

His Eye Is On the Sparrow
Sarah Downey, soloist

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION MUSIC

HYMN 392

Jesus, We Are Here

***HYMN 645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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.

Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY) activities for May:

May 8th – Moe's Monday; Come to Moe's @Friendly for dinner once a month. Laura will be there from 6 – 7:30.

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

May 28th – Youth Sunday Worship Service
Contact Laura for additional information.

laura@starmountpres.org

Welcome Sarah! Join us for a reception in the Narthex following worship **today** as we welcome Sarah as our Director of Music.

Mother's Day Hat Gala, Sunday, May 14th. Honor your mother and those special women in your life by wearing a hat to worship on May 14th and pledging your support to Starmount! Pledge cards can be found in the Narthex.

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** after worship on 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 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.

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 4th**.

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.



Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

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
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