

**July 2, 2023**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**CALL TO WORSHIP – Galatians 5: 13 - 14**

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence; rather, serve one another humbly in love. **For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

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

**PRAYER**

**O God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we enter into worship with a sense of expectation. Meet us here, O God, fill us with your wisdom and insight. Holy Spirit come, shape our thoughts and guide our feet so we may walk your righteous path. Amen.**

**OPENING MUSIC**

*Prelude and Fugue no. 1 in C*  
J.S. Bach  
Arr. Mike Forbes

**SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, forgive us. We can't help but lose our way again and again. Forgive us when we allow ourselves to be shaped by voices, words, and ideas that do not bring life, create life, or sustain life. Help us trust your ways over our ways. Forgive our forgetfulness and remind us of your faithfulness, again and again. In your immeasurable love, grace, mercy, and wisdom, do not abandon us, we pray. (Silent prayers)** Rev. Jenny McDevitt

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

**RESPONSE**

**HYMN 434** *Restore in Us, O God*  
Restore in us, O God,  
the splendor of your love;  
Renew your image in our hearts,  
and all our sins remove.

**CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION**

**\*HYMN 340** *This Is My Song*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 13: selected verses

**SERMON**

*“Embodied Faith”*  
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

**ANTHEM**

*The Lord's Prayer*  
By Malotte  
arr Dr. Demondrae Thurman  
Eastern Music Festival Tubal Euphonium Ensemble

**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).

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

**HYMN 507** *Come to the Table of Grace*

**\*HYMN 761**

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Morning Prayer*  
Tchaikovsky  
arr Patrick Schulz

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

**This morning we welcome Dr. Demondrae Thurman and members of the Eastern Music Festival Tuba Euphonium Ensemble who will be blessing us with their music during worship this morning!**

**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.

**July Office notes:**

- The church office will be **closed on Tuesday, July 4.**
- During the month of **July, the church office will close on Fridays at 1 pm.**
- **Pastor Charlie will be out of the office from July 3 – July 16.** If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Scott at [scott@starmountpres.org](mailto:scott@starmountpres.org) or (336) 265-7486.

**Starmount Summer of Service** – This summer, Starmount will be offering opportunities to volunteer at many agencies in our community:

- Thursday, July 13, 9:00 am -1:00 pm - Mustard Seed Community Market
- Tuesday, July 18, 12:00 - 2:00 pm - Out of the Garden Warehouse
- Monday, July 24, 2:30 -4:00 pm - Backpack Beginnings Warehouse & Family Market
- Saturday, Aug. 5, 8:30 am -3:30 pm - Habitat for Humanity Build

Please check your emails for more information and to sign up for these opportunities. There will also be a sign-up table in the narthex after the service today.

**Grandparents Camp is Saturday, July 15, 9 – 11 am.** Bring your grandkids (2 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) and join us for this intergenerational event of bible lessons, crafts, games and more. Please contact Cindy Lee for more information.

**Vacation Bible School 2023** will be held **July 24 – 27, 9 am – Noon.** Registration is open now and we are looking for people to volunteer during VBS and/or donate items. Please look at your weekly email for the links to register, volunteer or donate.

**Sanctuary Chairs** - You may notice many of the chairs have been moved from the sanctuary. This is an experiment that comes out of the Session's work with the Presbyterian Foundation on how our sanctuary can feel warmer and more welcoming to visitors and guests. Most of the chairs have been relocated to the choir room. The Session and the Inspire Faith Ministry will continue to monitor and reevaluate this experiment. Thank you for your support and all you do to welcome our guests each Sunday morning.

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

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Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee, Pastor

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