

June 18, 2023

Third Sunday after Pentecost

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118: 1-4

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Let those who fear the Lord say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 390

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD’S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, We hide in our hearts the deepest regrets of our souls. We are ashamed to reveal that which the cross has already claimed. May we bring to light what is comfortable staying in the dark. May we believe that the promise of grace is truly for us. Forgive us for the sins we hide and the sins we ignore. Separate us from our transgressions by Your great hand of mercy. In the Name of Jesus we pray. Amen. (Silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 288

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CHILDREN’S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 49**

The God of Abraham Praise

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18: 9 – 15, 21: 1 - 7

SERMON

“When God Leaves Us Hanging”

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

By, K. Lee Scott

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 *(from Montreat Youth Conference 2023)*

We believe that God is still creating, making all things new through the waters of God’s grace. We believe that God is still loving, showing us embodied love through the life of Christ and the movement of the Spirit. We believe that God is still calling, guiding us to follow the lead of God’s love on a path of discipleship. We believe that God is still forming the body of Christ, uniting us all in one family of God, to share our siblings’ joys, carry our siblings’ burdens, and strive together for the peaceful world God envisioned. The love of God is the source of our joy. The love of God will not let us go. 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 730**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

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.

“Summer Choir” is “Open Choir”! Each Sunday this summer the anthem for that morning’s worship will be practiced at 9:00am. Anyone and everyone is welcome to learn it and sing it in worship! You can find the anthems for the month of June in your weekly emails. Anyone high school aged and beyond with any level of musical training (even none!) is WELCOME! Please contact Sarah if you have any questions.

Greensboro Grasshoppers – Join us for a night of baseball and fireworks on **Friday, June 23rd at 6:30 pm**. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased on Sundays at church from Vicki Winters or Stan Dixon or from the church office during the week. Stan will have a table at the stadium that evening to hand out tickets and collect money.

Summer Book Conversation – Pastor Scott will guide this weekly discussion on the book, ***Life Worth Living: A Guide to What Matters Most, by Miroslav Volf***, but the teaching, learning, and growing will be shared by all in the group. Our conversations will be on Zoom every Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m., **starting June 21st**, and will go for approximately 8 weeks into mid-August. For more information check your weekly emails or call the church office.

Garden Tour – Join the Starmount Community Gardeners for a tour of the garden after worship on **Sunday, June 25th**. We’d love to show you what we are growing! Refreshments will be served.

Just Lunch – Join us following worship on **Sunday, June 25th** for lunch at K & W Cafeteria. Visitors are welcome as our guests. Children are welcome as well!



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