

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are all strangers seeking a homeland;
searching for peace in a world full of conflict.
longing for comfort when life is too painful.
desperate for love and a sense of belonging.
eager for a new beginning and another chance.
trusting the promise that God has made a place for us all.

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 616 *Our God Is an Awesome God*

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us. We trust you, but not as much as we'd like. We listen, but not as carefully as we should. Our prayers stumble and our confidence wanes. Our hearts are weary and our faith is fragile. We believe in you, but we also have many moments of doubt. We love you, but our love is imperfect. Take us as we are, but do not leave us this way. Send your Spirit and amend our living. (Silent prayers)

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 15** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 25: 27 – 34

SERMON

"What Not to Do"
Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

Children of the Heavenly Father
arr Dan Forrest

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.

CHILDREN'S SONG

I'm Gonna Sing

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 318**

In Christ There Is No East or West

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.

Prayground - starting today, the last Sunday of the month in June, July, and August we will have worship services specifically aimed towards inclusion of children! We will have a prayground space for children to learn & play during worship, multiple children's times during the service, and elements chosen to engage children. The nursery will still be available for those Sundays for families with children 2 and under if you choose. Check-in for the nursery is at the kids' corner in the narthex. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cindy Lee, cindy@starmountpres.org.

Garden Tour – Join the Starmount Community Gardeners for a tour of the garden after worship **TODAY**. We'd love to show you what we are growing! Refreshments will be served.

"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.

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 began this past Wednesday and will be on Zoom every Wednesday night from 7-8 pm, into mid-August. For more information check your weekly emails or call the church office.

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.

Grandparents Camp is Saturday, July 15, 9 – 11 am. Bring your grandkids (2 years old through 5th 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.



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