

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 664

*Morning Has Broken*

## PRAYER (adapted from a prayer by Third Space)

In the beginning God created all things,  
**and God saw that they were good.**  
 At our beginning, God created us  
**unique and irreplaceable,**  
**loved and wanted by God,**  
**known and treasured by God**  
**even before God created us.**  
 Creator God, caring for all creation,  
**open our eyes to see your presence,**  
**our souls to sense your presence,**  
**and our hearts to love your presence,**  
**ever here in your creation,**  
**and ever beyond it in eternity.**

## OPENING MUSIC

## SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual)*

**Holy and eternal God, you created us in your image**  
**and gave us special responsibilities toward creation and**  
**our fellow human beings. You set us as caretakers for the**  
**earth and all its plants and animals. You anointed us as**  
**disciples and told us to make fellow disciples the world**  
**over. Dear God, as we look at our polluted earth, where**  
**we consume resources at an unsustainable rate, we**  
**know that we have failed to be good stewards. In many**  
**ways, we have failed to live as disciples ourselves, to say**  
**nothing of making disciples of all nations. We beg your**  
**mercy for our sins and await with expectancy the**  
**renewal of our minds and hearts, that we may devote the**  
**rest of our days to protecting the earth and making**  
**disciples of all nations in accordance to your will. 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 713

*Touch the Earth Lightly*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1: 26 - 31

## SERMON

"Why Earth Care?"

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

## ANTHEM

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

By Ed Harris

## 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).

## A LITANY FOR THE STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

Lord Christ, Word of God, through whom all things came  
 into being, give us grateful hearts for the gift of life and of  
 this good earth.

**Lord Christ, a star signaled your birth as one of us,**  
**increase our wonder before the beauty of the universe**  
**and of your love that moves the sun and the other stars.**

Lord Christ, you taught us of the lilies of the field and the  
 birds of the air, give us such delight in the beauty of the  
 earth and her creatures that we may rejoice to conserve  
 and care for all that you have made.

**Lord Christ, you forgave all who repented, forgive us for**  
**our exploitation and pollution of the gifts of creation, and**  
**turn our hearts to concern for the well-being of nature**  
**and for those who come after us.**

Lord Christ, you stilled the storm on the sea, still our  
 restless hearts, heal the environment of the earth, and  
 teach us to be more faithful stewards of the riches of  
 creation.

**Lord Christ, you sowed the seeds of God's mercy and**  
**peace, multiply the harvests of the world that all may be**  
**fed and know the abundance of your grace.**

Lord Christ, you came not to be served but to serve, give  
 to your church a spirit of selfless service that the lives of all  
 creatures may be protected and enhanced.

**Lord Christ, you gave your life on the cross for the**  
**forgiveness of sin and the repair of the world, teach us**  
**the way of healing for your broken world and make us**  
**instruments of your peace.**

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## COMMUNION MUSIC

HYMN 392

*Jesus, We Are Here*

\*HYMN 714

*God of the Fertile Fields*

## BENEDICTION

\*Please stand in body or spirit

\*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob & Evelyn  
 Nadler in memory of their son Mark, whose birthday is June 7<sup>th</sup>  
 and in honor of their granddaughter Adair Brooks who turns  
 two today.

## 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.

**Where is my newsletter?** Starting with the June edition of the  
 Star Press, Starmount Presbyterian Church is moving from paper  
 to digital delivery for many of our newsletter subscribers. More  
 information can be found in your weekly emails or on the  
 handout in the narthex.

**Earth Care Sunday is today!** Starmount Presbyterian Church  
 was certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the  
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Presbyterian Hunger Program this  
 year! 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. There will also be a plant sale by  
 Timber and Sprout following worship.

**“Summer Choir” is “Open Choir”!** Beginning today, **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**, 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! The anthems chosen will be simple and easy to learn quickly for anyone with any musical experience. This is a great opportunity to share your talents and gifts with the church, and also a great opportunity to try singing with a choir if music and singing bring you joy! Anyone high school aged and beyond with any level of musical training (even none!) is WELCOME! Please contact Sarah if you have any questions.

**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 June 6<sup>th</sup>** by clicking the link in your email or call the church office.

**Prayer Group Interest** - If you have interest in hearing more about a prayer group that is forming during the month of June, please contact Charlie. This group would meet following the service, share prayer requests, and learn different methods of prayer. If we have sufficient interest, this group will begin June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Greensboro Grasshoppers** – Join us for a night of baseball and fireworks on **Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm**. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased on Sundays at church from Vicki Winters or Stan Dixon or from the church office during the week.

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**Welcome to Sunday Worship  
June 4, 2023 · 10:00 a.m.**