

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship the One who created us,
The One who calls us,
The One who equips us,
The One who loves us without end.
With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 646 *Sing Out, My Soul*

OPENING PRAYER

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SEEKING GOD’S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it’s easier to lock the doors of our hearts than to receive those who don’t look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more faithful way of living, so we ask you to do that. Give us the courage to change what we need to change. Give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

(Silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 421 *Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life*

CHILDREN’S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 439** *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1: 46 - 55

SERMON

“Even the Small”
Laura Roberson Hadas

ANTHEM

Small Deeds
by John D. Horman

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 Confession of 1967 9.38)

Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of his or her witness in each particular situation. Each member is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. In turn, each member, in her or his own competence, helps to guide the church.

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 100** *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

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.

July Office notes:

- During the month of **July, the church office will close on Fridays at 1 pm.**

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

- 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.

Vacation Bible School 2023 will be held **July 24 – 27, 9 am – Noon**. We are looking for people to volunteer during VBS and/or donate items. Please look at your weekly email for the links to volunteer or donate. There will also be a VBS Mission Project supporting Backpack Beginnings. Please look at your weekly email for more information on this project.

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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