

**July 9, 2023**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**HYMN 742**

*We Will Walk with God*

**PRAYER** (From Robert Blezard, *Ministry Matters*)

**God, our guide and our protector, as we gather today in your holy house, open our minds and souls and hearts, that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of your spirit in our lives.**

**Help us follow you as you lead us to the land you have created for us, where we may dwell with you and in you. Amen.**

**OPENING MUSIC**

**SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(from the Book of Common Worship)*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**(Silent prayers)**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

**RESPONSE**

**HYMN 421**

*Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life*

**CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION**

**\*HYMN 316**

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Ephesians 2: 8 – 10 (NIV)

**SERMON**

*"So Many Ways to Show Love"*

Rev. Judy Fitchett

**ANTHEM**

*This Little Light of Mine*

arr. George Mabry

**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).

**KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING**

**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 757**

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

**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.**
- **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.

**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

Rev. Scott Lawson, Parish Associate

Sarah Downey, Director of Music

Michael Parker, Pianist/Organist

Cindy Lee, Director of Children's Ministries

Laura Roberson Hadas, Director of Youth & Refugee Ministries



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