

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together to worship God,
who comes to us when we don't feel prepared,
who speaks to us in unexpected ways
who calls us out of the safety of our ordered lives
and invites us to join God in the adventure of faith.
Let's worship God together!

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 647 *Give Thanks*

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question Your presence and Your power. Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives, to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome. We praise You for Your faithful love and pray that You would make a way for us. Amen.
(Silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 698 *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 410** *God is Calling through the Whisper*

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19: 9 - 16

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep From Singing?
Arr. Michael Burkhardt

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 A Declaration of Faith)*

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

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 22**

God of the Sparrow

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.

Welcome Lynne Kirsch! - Lynne joined the Starmount office team as our Church Business Administrator this past Monday, August 7. If you'd like to contact Lynne, you can email her at lynne@starmountpres.org, call her in the office at extension 111 or just stop in and say hi!

Welcome Home Sunday - Save the date, **Sunday, September 10**, for Welcome Home Sunday. More information to come in the next few weeks.

Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY) activities for the month of August:

August 14 –Moe Monday, come for dinner at Moe's @Friendly, Laura will be there from 6 – 7:30 pm;

August 25 – GHS Tailgate, find Laura in the parking lot before heading into the football game! She will have food and drinks. Bring your friends! Contact Laura for additional information laura@starmountpres.org

Starmount Organ project - You may have noticed some empty space in the chancel area last Sunday. Our organ console is getting some much-needed repairs and updates. The organ technician has taken the console to his workshop and the work will be completed in about a month. Stay tuned for pictures and more updates as the process progresses!

Plastics Recycling – Did you notice the white recycling box in the Gathering Space? The Earth Care team is working with the NexTrex recycling program from August through January to collect plastic waste. Accepted items can be found on the box and in your weekly email.



Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee, Pastor

Rev. Scott Lawson, Parish Associate

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