

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this place — a Sanctuary.

A Sanctuary provides shelter from the storm, security from outside threats, and safety from all that wearies us.

We gather around this table — a Feast.

A Feast offers food to those who know hunger, welcome to those who know loneliness, and belonging for those who know exclusion.

We gather in the name of Jesus — our Savior.

Our Savior who accepts our humanity, knows the truth of our hearts, and sets us on the path to right living.

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 648 *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us. We struggle to tell you how it is with us, because we hardly understand ourselves. We are a mixed-up mess of conflicted feelings and contradictory actions. We have let down the people we love. We have not loved with our whole hearts. We have compromised our ideals. We have unrealistic expectations. We have yielded to temptation. We have lost track of our joy. We have puffed up our self-importance. We have discounted our true worth. We have rushed to judgment of others. We have let ourselves off the hook. Make sense of our hearts, O God, and fill us with your grace. (Silent prayers)

(Rev. Jenny McDevitt)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

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

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 634** *To God Be the Glory*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14: 13 - 21

SERMON

Laura Roberson Hadas

ANTHEM

Holy Manna
Arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

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 The Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION MUSIC

***HYMN 834** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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.

Pool Party – Everyone is invited to a Pool Party this afternoon, Sunday, August 6, from 3:00 to 5:00pm at Hamilton Lakes Pool.

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.

Weekly Email Moving to Friday - Be sure to check your inbox on Fridays around noon for the weekly SPC email detailing important information and events. This email will also contain links for Sunday's bulletin and to livestream the service. This will replace the two weekly emails on Wednesday and Sunday that members have received in the past.

Please be aware of email scams that appear to be sent from Charlie requesting immediate response. Charlie will not send those types of emails and always look for the @starmountpres.org from any staff member.



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