

**April 21, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 19**

The heavens declare the glory of God.  
**The skies proclaim God's handiwork.**  
The plants and trees show God's presence.  
**Let us join with creation in praising God.**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**HYMN 20** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

**PRAYER**

**OPENING MUSIC**

**SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of life, you created us in your image to care for one another and for all creation. Forgive us for turning away from you, ignoring the needs of our neighbors and the cries of the earth. As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth, make us signs of your grace, through Christ, our light and life, we pray.**  
(silent prayers)

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE**

**RESPONSE**

**HYMN 447** *We Are Forgiven*

**CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION**

**\*HYMN 22** *God of the Sparrow*

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 15: 1 - 8

**SERMON** Laura Roberson Hadas

**ANTHEM** *I See, I Hear, I Know*  
by Craig Courtney  
Jennifer Dowler, Flute

**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).

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. We believe that God's love is powerful beyond measure. God not only preserves the world, God continually attends to it. God commands us to care for the earth in ways that reflect God's loving care for us. We are responsible for ensuring that the earth's gifts are used fairly and wisely, that no creature suffers from the abuse of what we are given, and that future generations may continue to enjoy the abundance and goodness of the earth in praise to God. Entrusting ourselves wholly to God's care, we receive the grace to be patient in adversity, thankful in the midst of blessing, courageous when facing injustice, and confident that no evil may afflict us that God will not turn to our good.**

*From The Worship Sourcebook*

**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 664** *Morning Has Broken*

**BENEDICTION**

**\*Please stand in body or spirit**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of Doreen Heard by her family.

**Sign up for flowers** – Add your name to the sign-up calendar in the Narthex. Use the dry erase pen that is next to the calendar, email Jinny Buchanan at [jinnybug@mindspring.com](mailto:jinnybug@mindspring.com) or call 336-549-4674.

**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.

**Upcoming Sabbatical** - Charlie will begin a 3-month sabbatical following worship on April 28th. We welcome Rev. Judy Fitchett to the staff team who will be serving as a Parish Associate during this period.

**Elder Nominations for class of 2027** – It's time to submit your nominations for the Elder class of 2027. To nominate someone, you can use the link in your weekly email, email the office at [info@starmountpres.org](mailto:info@starmountpres.org) or call the office at (336) 299-8131 ext. 110. Please have your nominations in **today, Sunday, April 21**.

Join us next **Sunday, April 28**, when we will host an **Earth Day Fair** following worship, welcoming some of our community partners for a time of education and fellowship! Check your weekly email for details.

**Habitat for Humanity** – The Mission Ministry is happy to announce an upcoming volunteer opportunity with Habitat for Humanity. There will be a workday on **Saturday, June 8**, 8 – 11:30 am. You can also help Habitat by purchasing gift cards to be presented to new homeowners (Lowes Hardware, Home Depot, Harris Teeter, Walmart, etc.). Gift cards can be dropped off to Anne in the office **no later than May 15**.

**Starmount Presbyterian Youth (SPY)** activity for April - **21<sup>st</sup> – Sermon Talk Back** – Meet after church today to debrief and explore the themes of the sermon of the day. Lunch will be provided!

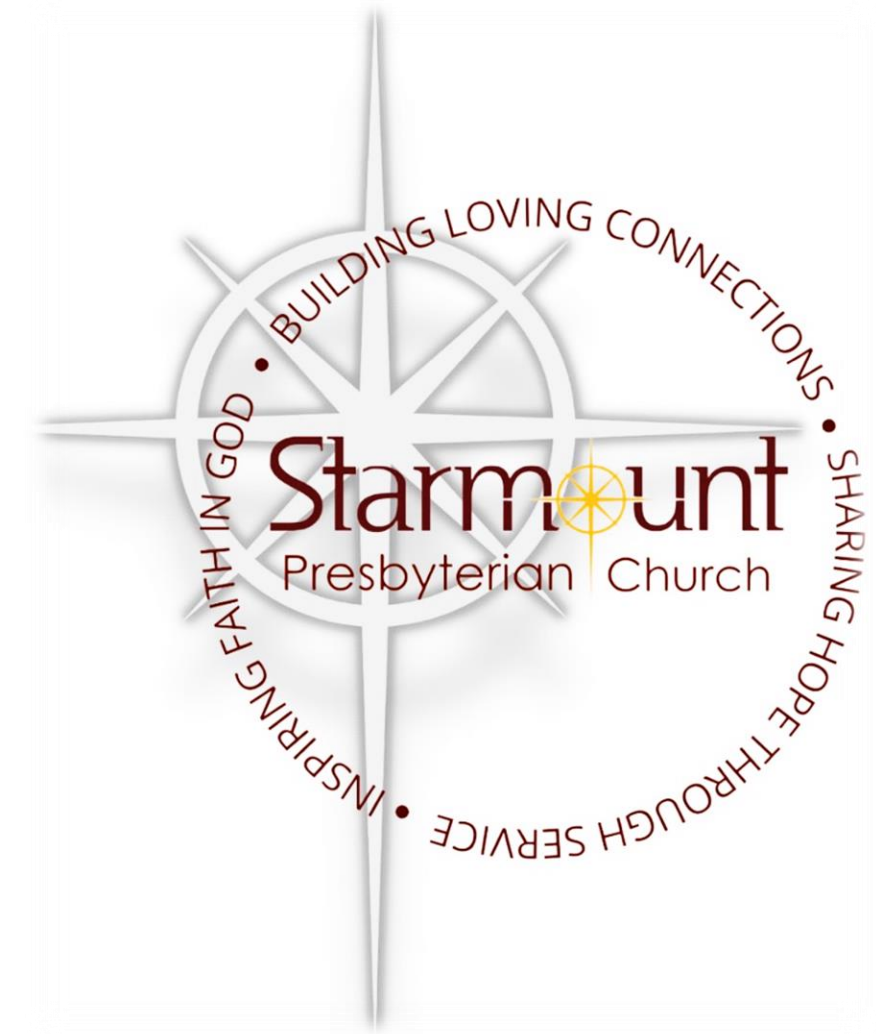
**Sentimental Journey: Save the date, Sunday, May 19**, to honor and celebrate our Starmount members that are 80 years of age and older. More info to follow in the weekly emails.

**Summer Mission Trip:** The time has come to sign up for the summer mission trip. If you are planning to attend, a \$50 deposit is requested by May 15. If you have any questions, please contact Neil Huffman at [mnhuff@earthlink.net](mailto:mnhuff@earthlink.net).

**Vacation Bible School** will be held **June 24 – 27**. Register online through the weekly email link or call the office to register a child 3 years old - to completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Art & Bible Camp** will be held **July 29 – August 1** from 9am - 12pm for children who have completed pre-k – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Email [laura@starmountpers.org](mailto:laura@starmountpers.org) with questions. Register online through the weekly email link or call the office.

**Summer Stars** will begin **June 10** and run for multiple weeks through the summer. See your weekly email for details of each week. Contact [cindy@starmountpres.org](mailto:cindy@starmountpres.org) with questions.



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