

CALL TO WORSHIP (written by Joan Stott)

The voice of our God and King is heard in blessing, as it echoes in its majestic powers over all creation.

We come to worship our God, and to celebrate the Mystery and Reality that is God's everlasting glory.

The voice of God is heard in all creation – and it responds with joy to the voice of its Creator, Sustainer and Renewer.

We come to worship our God, and to celebrate God's power and generosity towards all creation and all peoples.

We come to worship our God, and to celebrate the way we are welcomed into God's glorious presence.

The voice of our Holy God is heard in the sacred spaces, and God's grace is received as we worship. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 452

Open the Eyes of My Heart

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (From Book of Common Worship)

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. (silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 791

For You, My God, I Wait
(verse 6 only)

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 29

SERMON

"Beyond, Beside and Within"
Rev. Judy Fitchett

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu from "Requiem"

By Gabriel Fauré

Megan Weiss, Soprano

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

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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 634**

To God Be the Glory

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Parks & May Williams in honor of Memorial Day and in celebration of their 58th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, May 28th.

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 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 at the desk or scan the QR code.



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.

Notes from the Church office – The church office will be closed **Memorial Day, May 27th** and **will close at 1pm every Friday during the months of June and July.**

Chapel Updates will begin this summer. There is a FAQ sheet linked to your weekly email with some details of the updates. If you have further questions, please let the church know. If you're interested on being a part of the **Design Team**, who are tasked with picking paint, carpet/flooring, and lighting fixtures, please contact Laura Roberson Hadas at laura@starmountpres.org and join us on **Wednesday, May 29** at 1:30pm in the Chapel.

Come & Celebrate! – Laura Roberson Hadas is graduating from Union Presbyterian Seminary! Join us after worship on **Sunday, June 2**, for a reception as we celebrate her and welcome her to the full-time staff.

UPDATE – Due to weather, the workday has been rescheduled - The Starmount Tiny House is nearing completion. Tiny House development is looking for some volunteer help to get the other foundations ready to receive the additional two framed houses. The work involves sealing the brick, which is simply applying a thick paint with a roller brush, and running a wood border around the top of the brick. We may also lay gravel around the foundation base. The workday is planned for **Saturday 6/1** from 9am till 1pm at the site on Willomore St and Freeman Mill Rd. Anyone interested in volunteering or with questions is asked to email Kevin Kattmann at kkattmann62@yahoo.com.

Reminder: The June Newsletter will be sent at the end of next week. Watch your email. Several printed versions will be available next Sunday in the Narthex.

Summer Choir – Beginning **Sunday, June 2nd**, join us before Sunday worship at 9:00am to rehearse that morning's anthem. Future dates will be listed in Realm, and you are encouraged to RSVP if you plan to attend.

Starmount Summer of Service 2024 – Join your church family and volunteer to work at one, or more, of the agencies which our Mission Ministry helps support. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex after the service as well as a link to Sign-Up Genius in your weekly email for the following:
Habitat for Humanity **(6/8 – sign up by 6/6 to participate)**, Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Pantry **(6/15)**, Starmount Community Garden **(6/15)**, BackPack Beginnings **(6/17)** and Out of the Garden **(6/29)**. Learn something new by helping out.

Summer Stars will begin **June 10** from 9am – 1pm and run for multiple weeks through the summer. See your weekly email for details of each week. Contact cindy@starmountpres.org with questions.

Vacation Bible School will be held **June 24 – 27** from 9am - 12pm. Register online through the weekly email link or call the office to register a child 3 years old - completed 5th grade.

Volunteers are needed. Please check your weekly email for a link to sign up and volunteer.

Art & Bible Camp will be held **July 29 – August 1** from 9am - 12pm for children who have completed pre-k – 5th grade. Email laura@starmountpres.org with questions. Register online through the weekly email link or call the office.

Grandparent Camp – August 10 from 9-11am. Children 3yrs old – 5th grade and their grandparents are invited for a morning of crafts, games, music and connecting with each other! Register through the weekly email link. Contact Cindy Lee with questions.



Scan the QR code if you wish to give to the Virtual Collection Plate.

Members, this is not the place to give towards your pledge.

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Welcome to Sunday Worship
May 26, 2024 · 10:00 a.m.