

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC *Walk Together Children*
Arr. By Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, Forgive us when we think we have you all figured out: your teachings on forgiveness, your example of compassion, your commitment to righteousness, your feelings about giving, your assessment of our faith. You are never finished with any of us; forgive us when we hear only comfort in that truth and neglect to hear the challenge, too. Through the power of your Spirit, shake us out of complacency, we pray. (Silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 447 *We Are Forgiven*

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

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

SCRIPTURE READING Eccl. 3:1&6; Philippians 3:10-14

SERMON "Paper Chain"
Rev. Ken Broman-Fulks & Jack Gorham
***Lyrics on page 3**

ANTHEM *Turn! Turn! Turn!*
By Pete Seeger
Jack Gorham, pianist/soloist

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 Confession of 1967)
"God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God

reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love."

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 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God to celebrate with Stan and Cynthia Dixon their 55th anniversary on June 21. "God has graciously blessed us in our family and friends through the years and we give praise to Him for that. We are most thankful for every one of the 55 years. We count our blessings constantly and hope we may share many more years with all of you. This past year has included some health challenges that you, our church family, have shared with us and we appreciate all you have done. Again, we are most blessed and appreciate God's glory daily."

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

Paper Chain

Written by Jack Gorham

The last few days of a paper chain
Are hanging from the corner of the wall;
Been there for years holdin' on
Long after the days they were to fall.

(Chorus)
Two points in the distance,
You barely see 'em.
Then fast approach the crossroads and you stop
Caught between your past and freedom;
No matter where you are it's hard to know
There comes a time for letting go.

Spend the days wishing for answers
As you try to coax them right out of the sky
All you get are whispers you can't hear
And you start to think they only say goodbye.

(Chorus)
Dance on the edge of sorrow
Time leads and we follow
You can't spend what's borrowed
How sacred is tomorrow.
Colors fade, a link breaks free
And finds its way floating to the floor
You didn't even see it happen, ain't that the way?
And you smile, knowing there's nothing more.

(Chorus)
The last few days of a paper chain....

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 on Juneteenth, Wednesday, June 19th and will close at 1pm every Friday during the months of June and July.

What matters most? A summer adult education opportunity will begin this **Tuesday, June 18**. There will be a **10 a.m.** in-person class at Starmount and a **7 p.m.** class on Zoom that same evening. If you are interested, please contact the church office so we can add you to the contact list (and prepare a set of study materials for you).

Chapel Updates will begin this summer. There is a FAQ sheet linked to your weekly email. If you have further questions, please let the church know. There will be a short commemoration service in the chapel before the work begins, on **Thursday, June 20th at 9:30**. The chapel will remain open with a member of the clergy staff present until 12pm. We want to gather to sing, pray and share stories of your memories in the chapel. If you would like to contribute with written words or photos to an art piece to remain in the chapel, please send them to laura@starmountpres.org.

Just Lunch! – Join us next Sunday, June 23 following worship for lunch at K & W Cafeteria. Visitors are welcome as our guests. Children are welcome as well!

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.

SPY – Starmount Presbyterian Youth Summer events:
June 23 – Sermon Talk-back & Youth Lunch
June 24-27 – Volunteer for VBS

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: Backpack Beginnings (**6/17**) and Out of the Garden (**6/29**).

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.

On **Sunday, June 30th**, longtime international missionary partner, the **Medical Benevolence Foundation**, will be visiting Starmount Presbyterian Church to present the Invitation to Generosity during 10 a.m. service and making a short presentation directly after service in **Room 319**. All are welcome.



Starmount Presbyterian Church Program Staff

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Welcome to Sunday Worship
June 16, 2024 · 10:00 a.m.