

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 130)

Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord.

Holy One, hear my voice.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits.

In God's word I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

For with the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN 701

Lord, Prepare Me

PRAYER**OPENING MUSIC****SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE

HYMN 447

We Are Forgiven

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

***HYMN 645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2: 23-3: 6

SERMON

"Challenged"
Rev. Judy Fitchett

ANTHEM

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
Arr. Whalum
Summer Choir

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 Confession of 1967

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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 757** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

BENEDICTION

***Please stand in body or spirit**

Our printed liturgy is written by John Wurster and provided for free distribution by Presbyterian Outlook.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Roger & Cilie Sutton in memory of our parents, Sara & Charles Baker and Betty & Albert Sutton.

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.

Note from the Church office – The church office will **close at 1pm every Friday during the months of June and July.**

What matters most? A summer adult education opportunity will kick-off in June. You can learn more about the course in the June newsletter. The introductory session will be held on **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. You can choose to attend either session - they will cover the same material. Scott made a list of those interested last Sunday and will follow-up by email. 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 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.

Summer Choir has begun. 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 **(6/13)**, Starmount Community Garden **(6/15)**, BackPack Beginnings **(6/17)** and Out of the Garden **(6/29)**. Learn something new by helping out.

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.

SPY – Starmount Presbyterian Youth Summer events:

June 9-15 – Montreat Youth Conference

June 23 – Sermon Talk-back & Youth Lunch

June 24-27 – Volunteer for VBS

July 22 & August 5 – Burrito Buddies

July 29 – August 1 – Volunteer for Art & Bible Camp

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. Through its implementation of a new and innovative approach to medical missions, MBF is helping provide sustainable, compassionate healthcare in a growing number of countries, including Haiti, Malawi, Kenya, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, leading to improvements in the lives of mothers, children, and others within vulnerable communities in need.



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

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Welcome to Sunday Worship
June 9, 2024 · 10:00 a.m.