PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be always with you. And also, with You

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(Liturgy on Screen)

BLESSING AND SENDING

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer this week:

US Supreme Court Associate Justice- Brett M. Kavanaugh MO Supreme Court Judge- Zel M. Fischer St. Charles County Council District 5- Terry Hollander (Chair)

ANNOUCEMENTS

2024 Theme: Remember our theme for this year...the 3 P's: Proclaim, Persuade & Pray! This is a daily prayer we commit to acting on regularly, along with weekly accountability. If you are not already...Join us, get involved in the call and ministry of God!

Schedule change: There will be no worship gathering on Sunday May 26th.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration is \$15. Early bird registration received by May 21st is \$10. Registration includes continental breakfast and session materials. For more information and to sign up, go to the Events link on our website. Tell a friend!



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Purpose Statement:

We exist to glorify God by serving as a conduit for the grace of God whereby faith the Love, Life, Lordship and Leadership of the Kingdom of Heaven is revealed and expanded to all nations.

Mission Statement:

We desire to be a multi-cultural, multi-generational conduit of the grace of God to be used to fulfil our purpose, for the glory of God.

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Weekly Corporate Gatherings: Sunday Worship Service- 10:00 AM Discipleship Groups (times vary)

Staff:

Rev. Michael Hammond, Sr. – President & Senior Pastor Rose Hammond – Receptionist

Order of Worship Sunday, May 12, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Congregation responses spoken together appear in **bold** print.)

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, and we think about our mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and all the women who have loved us like mothers. As we worship God today let us thank Him, for giving us life through mothers and new life through the resurrection of His Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

(Let us pray) Heavenly Father, loving God, with deep gratitude we thank you for another day and for the privilege of gathering in the House of the Lord for worship. On this seventh Sunday in Easter, and on a day the world has set aside to honor mothers, and motherly figures in our lives, we will praise and worship you, even as we remember mothers, because a mother's love is most like your love. So, as we enter your gates with thanksgiving in our hearts and enter your courts with praise, we pray that all mothers everywhere be blessed; and may you get all the glory, honor, and praise, in Jesus's name we pray, **Amen**.

WORSHIP IN SONG (click the song title for a YouTube track)

Hallelujah Chant House Of The Lord Hymn Of Praise

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hidden. As we continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in this Easter season, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit. Open our understanding and stoke within us the desire to praise You for the Word we hear today. We ask that You give us grace to fully obey it, and to magnify Your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. And we all agree by saying, **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 4:1-15 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH

At Calvary | View the lyrics here

SCRIPTURE READING: John 4:16-26 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING: John 4:27- 42 (NASB95)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You Lord Christ

SERMON: https://www.facebook.com/fcmstl

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. These are our sins: (quiet confession of sins)

God, we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Gospel of John Series Message 14: Jesus, Giver of Living Water & Messiah, Reaps Among the Samaritans (12 May 2024)	

The Test Of Loyalty

By Oswald Chambers

Only the loyal soul believes that God engineers circumstances. We take enormous liberties with our circumstances, treating the things that happen as if they'd been engineered by human beings. We say we believe God is in control, but we don't really. If we did, we'd be faithful to him in every circumstance; we'd have just one loyalty, and that would be to our Lord.

Most of us tend to go about our lives thinking we're in control. Then, suddenly, God comes in and breaks up our circumstances, and we have the shocking realization that he was in control all along and that we've been disloyal to him by not recognizing it. We didn't see the special thing he was trying to create with our circumstances, and now the thing is gone, never to be repeated all the days of our life; the test of loyalty always comes in this way. We have to learn that if we will worship God in difficult times, he will show us that he can alter our circumstances in two seconds flat, whenever he chooses.

Loyalty to Jesus Christ is what we stumble over today. We will be loyal to work, to service, to anything else; just don't ask us to be loyal to Jesus Christ. Many Christians are intensely impatient of talk about loyalty to Jesus. Our Lord is dethroned more emphatically by Christian workers than by the world. God is turned into a machine for generating blessings, and Jesus into a worker among workers.

The idea we should have isn't that we work for God but that we are so loyal to him that he can work through us. God wants to use us as he used his own Son. When Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8), he meant "witnesses who satisfy me in any circumstance I put you in, witnesses I am counting on for extreme service, with no complaining on your part and no explanation on mine."