

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HOLY COMMUNION: (liturgy on screen)

BLESSING AND SENDING

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer this week:

US Supreme Court Associate Justice- Ketanji Brown Jackson

MO Supreme Court Judge- Paul C. Wilson

St. Charles Co. Council District 4- Dave Hammond (Vice Chair)

ANNOUCEMENTS

Love Feast: Our monthly Agape Feast will be today immediately following our worship gathering. Visitors are welcome to join us!

Discipleship Group Reports: Group leaders, please make sure updates are entered in your report online. They are due today.



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!



FAITH COVENANT MINISTRIES

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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.

Mailing address:

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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, June 2, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Let us worship God, our light, and our salvation. We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in His holy temple. We have come with shouts of joy to sing and to make music to the Lord. Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

(Extemporaneous prayer)

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

[All Hail](#) [Lord of All](#)

[When You Walk Into the Room](#) [Trust in God](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Father in heaven we pray that You would illumine our minds more and more as we look to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Open our eyes to see wondrous things in Your Word of truth. Open our ears to hear Your still small voice speaking to us the words of life. Open our minds and cleanse our thoughts so that Your Holy Spirit may guide us into all truth. May we be increasingly willing to submit to His gentle prompting, so that He may guide us into Your way of peace. In Jesus name we pray and we all agree by saying, **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 20:1-11 (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

[The Old Rugged Cross](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 1:1-14 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word

(Quiet Reflection)

GOSPEL READING: John 5:1-18 (NAS95)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Glory to You Lord Christ

(following the reading)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You Lord Christ

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Welcoming God, You invite us into Your life-giving presence, and we come as we are. You know us intimately: our selfishness, our stubbornness, and our apathy. You teach us that the truth can set us free; in these moments of quiet, we bring You our own prayers of confession: (quiet confession of sins)

God, we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not always fully believed in the strength and goodness of Your power, and of Your loving intentions toward us.

With Your grace and compassion, forgive us. Redeem our failures. Restore our hope. Love us back to life. Amen.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION AND COMFORT

Sermon Series on The Gospel of John

2 June 2024

Message 17: A Healing and Harassing at Bethesda

John 5:1-18 (NAS95)

Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

Undisturbed Relationship

By OSWALD CHAMBERS

In that day you will ask in my name. . . . The Father himself loves you because you have loved me.— John 16:26-27

“You will ask in my name.” By “name,” Jesus means “nature.” He isn’t saying, “You will use my name as a magic word to get what you want from the Father.” He’s saying, “You will be so intimate with me that you will be one with me.”

“*In that day . . .*” The day Jesus is speaking of isn’t a day in the future; it’s here and now. It’s a day of undisturbed relationship between God and his child. Just as Jesus stood blameless in the presence of his Father, so by the baptism of the Spirit are we lifted into relationship with him: “. . . that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us” (John 17:21).

“*The Father himself loves you.*” The union is complete and absolute. Our Lord doesn’t mean that your external life will be free of complexity and confusion, but that just as he knew the Father’s heart and mind, you too will know it. By the baptism of the Holy Spirit, he will lift you into the heavenly places, where he can reveal God’s counsels to you.

“*My Father will give you whatever you ask in my name*” (16:23). Jesus is saying that God will recognize our prayers. What a challenge! By the power of the resurrection and the ascension, by the sent-down Holy Spirit, we can be lifted into such a relationship with the Father that we are at one with his sovereign will, just as Jesus was. In this wonderful position, we can pray to God in his name—in his nature—which is gifted to us by the Holy Spirit, and whatever we ask will be given.