### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE (cont'd)

Lord God, we stand on the promise that confession and repentance result in forgiveness and renewal, so we seek your forgiveness now praying the words Jesus taught his disciples saying...

Our Father , which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CORPORATE AFFIRMATION: Apostle's Creed

### **BLESSING AND SENDING**

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer this week: US Supreme Court Associate Justice- Sonya Sotomayer MO Supreme Court Judge- W. Brent Powell St. Charles County Council District 7- Tim Baker

# **ANNOUCEMENTS**

<u>**Corporate Fasting:**</u> Our corporate fasting and prayer time will be at the end of this month from Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup> to conclude Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> with communion. We encourage you to seek the Lord as to how and when to fast during this time, knowing God will honor our faithfulness. Information will be available on the church family page of our website.



# 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.

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

<u>Staff</u>: Rev. Michael Hammond, Sr. - President & Senior Pastor Rose Hammond- Receptionist

# Order of Worship

Sunday, June 23, 2024

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

## **OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER**

He is worthy of the glory, He is worthy of the honor, He is worthy of the glory and the praise. Let every knee bow before Him and all the saints adore Him, He is worthy of the praise.

(Prayer) Holy God, as we come together today, we want to honor and extol You for who You are. We praise You for Your faithfulness and for Your tender mercies that are renewed every morning. Inhabit our praise, manifest Your presence in this place today. In Jesus name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen.** 

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

Only A God Like You Cornerstone Revelation 19:1

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Father, we come before You today, seeking Your divine guidance and illumination. You are the source of all wisdom and understanding and we ask that You shine Your light upon our path. In a world of uncertainty and confusion, we trust in Your unfailing love and faithfulness. Open our eyes to see the way you have prepared for us and give us the discernment to make wise decisions. Grant us the strength to overcome any challenges that are ahead of us. Give us clarity of mind to understand Your will for our lives and help us align our desires with Your perfect plan. Thank you, Father, for Your unwavering love and grace. In Jesus name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**. SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 45:20-25 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

**Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word.** (Quiet Reflection)

## SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 110 (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: Colossians 1:15-20 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God

**Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word** (Quiet Reflection)

GOSPEL READING: John 5:18-30 (NAS95)

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

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Let us confess our sins with one another to Almighty God

O Lord our God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart or our neighbor as ourselves. At times we have been unable to see your work or sense the love that is shared between the Godhead, accessed through Jesus and experienced through the Holy Spirit. We have called Jesus our Lord, but have not fully lived like he is. These are our sins (quiet confession of sins)

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#### Sermon Series on The Gospel of John

Message 19: Jesus's Relationship to the Father Conveyed (cont'd) John 5:18-20 (NAS95) Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

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#### What Do You Make of This? By Oswald Chambers

*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.* — *John 15:13* 

Jesus doesn't ask us to die for him; he asks us to lay down our lives for him. When Peter said, "I will lay down my life for you" (John 13:37), he meant that he would give up every selfish pursuit and devote his energy, his life force, to following Jesus. Peter's sense of the heroic was magnificent. It would be a bad thing to be incapable of making the kind of declaration Peter made. The way we understand our duty depends on our own sense of the heroic. If we think heroism means falling on our sword, we think wrongly. It is much easier to die than to lay down our lives day in and day out with the sense that we are answering a higher calling.

For thirty-three years, Jesus laid down his life to do the will of his Father. John says that we should imitate our Lord; we should lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters (1 John 3:16). This isn't easy. To humble ourselves for others in this way goes against human nature. But we weren't made for brilliant moments alone. There was just one brilliant moment in the life of our Lord, and that was on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17). Before and after this moment, Jesus lived where we do—in the valley of the everyday.

*"I have called you friends"* (John 15:15). If we are friends of Jesus, we will deliberately and carefully lay down our lives for him. It is difficult—and thank God it is! Salvation is easy for us because it cost God so much. It is only right that putting salvation to work in our lives should be difficult. God saves us and gives us the Holy Spirit, then asks us to work out what he has worked in. He asks us to remain loyal to him, though everything around us would make us disloyal.

Remain loyal to your friend, and always remember that his honor is at stake in your life.