PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE (cont'd)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CORPORATE AFFIRMATION: Nicene Creed

BLESSING AND SENDING

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer this week: US Supreme Court Associate Justice-Elena Kagan

8th Cir. US Ct. of Appeals- Hon. Steven Colloton (Chief Judge) St. Charles County Council District 1- Matt Swanson



Conference 2024

ANNOUCEMENTS

Due to an unfortunate series of events, the *2024 Holistic Holiness Conference* scheduled for Saturday June 22 has been postponed until a date yet TBD.

All registered may keep their registration on file or request a full refund through the site. If you have questions, please call 636-373-9001 ext. 2 for more information.

<u>**Corporate Fasting:**</u> Our corporate fasting and prayer time will be at the end of this month from Thursday June 27th to conclude Sunday June 30th with communion. Information will be available on the church family page of our website.



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

Order of Worship

Sunday, June 9, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

We give You thanks, O God, with our whole hearts; before all creation we sing Your praises. We bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and faithfulness.

(Prayer) Gracious God, You have brought us together today to worship You, the one true, holy, and everlasting Lord. We ask that You give us the grace to grow in knowledge of You. Loving, heavenly Father, we come and bow in Your presence, offering our praise and worship to You. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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

Every Praise When You Walk Into the Room Trust in God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all power, open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts with a spirit of wisdom and revelation. Help us to hear Your voice, to see Your ways, and to receive with joy Your truth. In Jesus name we pray and we all agree by saying, **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 25:10-22 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 40:16-38 (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: Psalm 73:21-28 (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)

<u>Pastor</u>: The Gospel of the Lord **People: Glory to You Lord Christ**(following the reading)
<u>Pastor</u>: 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)

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God First

By OSWALD CHAMBERS

Jesus would not entrust himself to them, . . . for he knew what was in each person.— John 2:24-25

Put trust in God first. "Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people" (John 2:24). Our Lord trusted no one except God, yet he was never suspicious, never bitter, never in despair about anyone. He simply trusted entirely in what God's grace could do. If we put our trust in people before God, if we insist on people being something they never can be absolutely right—we'll become bitter and end up despairing of everyone. This is why we must never trust in anything but the grace of God.

Put God's needs first. "Here I am, I have come to do your will" (Hebrews 10:9). Many of us are obedient to whatever we perceive to be a need. We say to ourselves, "The unsaved are dying without God. They need the Lord; they need me to come and preach the gospel." Jesus was never obedient to a need; he was obedient to the will of his Father. Before we rush off into work for God, we have to make sure that we are honoring God's will for our own lives. God wants us to be rightly related to him. Once we are, he will open the way for us to meet needs elsewhere.

Put God's trust first. "And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" (Matthew 18:5). God entrusts himself to us as an infant. He asks us to turn our personal life into a "Bethlehem," a place where he may safely dwell, so that we may be slowly transfigured by his life inside us. God's ultimate purpose for us is that his Son will be manifested in our mortal bodies. Are we honoring the trust he's placed in us?

4. The Father to the Son (vv. 22, 27).
to the set (+++22, 2+).
 Since Father and Son are equal, the Father wants everyone to honor the Son like they honor him (v. 23).
• Eternal life is a deal (v. 24).
• This honoring and hearing Jesus is required for all, including those living Jesus was born (vv. 25, 28-29).
 Jesus is the 6. The Son's judgement – like the Father's – is always