

SONG OF RESPONSE: [My God is Awesome](#)

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

O Lord our God, we have confessed our sins, and 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 on 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.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CORPORATE AFFIRMATION: APOSTLES CREED

BLESSING AND SENDING

**Authorities we want to specifically pray for this week:**

8<sup>th</sup> Circuit US Court of Appeals- Hon. Ralph R Erickson  
MO Eastern Appellate District- Judge Renée Hardin-Tammons  
Judge Phillip Hess  
St Charles Court Administrator – Heather Smith

**Announcements**

Our monthly Leadership meeting will be today immediately following our worship gathering.



**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:

P.O. Box 430  
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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, July 28, 2024

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

“Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, from the rising of the sun, to the going down of the same, great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!!”

(Prayer) In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, worship, and receive healing and hope. We have gone through good times and tough times this week and we seek to feel Your soothing presence. Father be with us as we lift Your name in praise. Lord, we welcome you in this place. In the name of Jesus, we pray (and we all agree by saying) **Amen**.

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

[There is a Praise](#)   [Let Us Worship](#)   [Do It Again](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Father in heaven, give us the strength that we need to prepare for any battle we may face this week. Help us to keep our eyes focused on Jesus. As we go through our day, give us the grace to stand strong and not live in fear. May Your truth rule in our hearts, our minds, and through our words. Show us how to reflect the Gospel in our words and in our actions, so others can see the light of Jesus in us and be drawn to You. As we open Your Word, let Your Holy Spirit open our eyes to see new things about You and open our mind and heart as You lead us. In the name of Jesus we pray, and we all agree by saying **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 59 (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

[When We See Christ](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 136 (as a litany) (NASB95)

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting.** <sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the God of gods, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting.** <sup>3</sup>Give thanks to the Lord of lords, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting.** <sup>4</sup>To Him who alone does great wonders, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting;** <sup>5</sup>To Him who made the heavens with skill, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting;** <sup>6</sup>To Him who spread out the earth above the waters, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting;** <sup>7</sup>To Him who made the great lights, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting:** <sup>8</sup>The sun to rule by day, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting,** <sup>9</sup>The moon and stars to rule by night, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting.** <sup>10</sup>To Him who smote the Egyptians in their firstborn, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting,** <sup>11</sup>And brought Israel out from their midst, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting,** <sup>12</sup>With a strong hand and an outstretched arm, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting.** <sup>13</sup>To Him who divided the Red Sea asunder, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting,** <sup>14</sup>And made Israel pass through the midst of it, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting;** <sup>15</sup>But He overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting.** <sup>16</sup>To Him who led His people through the wilderness, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting;** <sup>17</sup>To Him who smote great kings, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting,** <sup>18</sup>And slew mighty kings, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting:** <sup>19</sup>Sihon, king of the Amorites, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting,** <sup>20</sup>And Og, king of Bashan, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting,** <sup>21</sup>And gave their land as a heritage, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting,** <sup>22</sup>Even a heritage to Israel His servant, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting.** <sup>23</sup>Who remembered us in our low estate, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting,** <sup>24</sup>And has rescued us from our adversaries, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting;** <sup>25</sup>Who gives food to all flesh, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting.** <sup>26</sup>Give thanks to the God of heaven, **For His lovingkindness is everlasting.** (continued on back)

**Armor Ready**  
(Eph 6:10-20)  
Pastor Todd Marcy

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Every believer gains power/impact by applying these essentials of spiritual armor.

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**I. Put on The Armor Of God**

- ~ Put on the full armor of God
  - ~ **gird loins with truth**
  - ~ **breastplate of righteousness**
  - ~ **shod feet with preparation of the gospel of peace**
  - ~ **shield of faith = extinguish flaming arrows of the evil one**
  - ~ **helmet of salvation**
  - ~ **sword of the Spirit = the word of God/scriptures**

~ Why put on the armor?

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**II. Use The Armor Of God**

- ~ First, put it on
- ~ Second, know its purpose
- ~ Third, be alert

**III. Maintain The Armor Of God (spiritual rhythms)**

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**REFLECTION QUESTIONS:**

(take some time today and this week to answer these)

1. What does this passage teach us about God and people?
2. What scriptures help you understand the text?
3. Upon what piece of armor have you depended most lately?  
Why?
4. Briefly share an experience when you gained power through the armor of God or floundered without it.
5. What resonated most from Todd's message? Why so?
6. Write down what God is impressing upon you to do in response to the passage or discussion. If so led, share a prayer request so others may join you in your spiritual battle.

**The Armor of God**

Debbie McDaniel

We may forget at times but one thing is true - this world is a battlefield. Day by day, hour by hour, we face a spiritual war and an enemy who's real. He wants nothing more than to bring defeat, for his main aim is to steal, kill, and destroy. The forces of darkness don't wait for us to be ready for their attack. They're ruthless, determined, and cunning. The devil could care less if we "feel" prepared, or prayed up for our day. In fact, he prefers we're not.

God has given us his Word and Spirit, powerful and true, so we'll have the wisdom and protection to stand against the enemy. As I read these verses this morning, the reality struck me again that Paul wrote them while in chains, in prison. But Truth says - this enemy we face, no matter how cruel and vicious his schemes, can never chain our spirits that have been set free by Christ. Paul was not silenced by the attacks from dark forces. Neither should we be.