

Order of Worship

Sunday March 23, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

You who are thirsty, come to the waters! You who long for God, come and thirst for God's presence! We thirst for you oh God, our hearts long for you. Come let us worship God together.

(prayer) Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts and spirits this morning, Lord, that we may be healed of our faithlessness, freed from our fears and anxieties, and placed on the pathways that lead to peace and service to you. In Your Holy name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen.**

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

[How Great is our God](#) [Our God is Greater](#)

[Our God is an Awesome God](#) [Our God Reigns](#)

[You Deserve the Glory](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord of light and salvation, let these words of scripture live not only in our mouths, but in our hearts, that we will embody your truth and confess with our lives that Jesus is Lord. In the precious name of Jesus Christ we pray, (and we all agree by saying) **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 143 (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

[My Faith Has Found a Resting Place](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE:

BLESSING AND SENDING

Authorities we want to specifically pray for this week:

State Board of Education: Peter Herschend, Mary Schrag, Kerry Casey

St Charles County Asst Dir of Admin: John Greifzu, Bob Schnur

“The season of Lent need not be filled with drudgery and despair, but can be a time of quiet reflection and meditation. It is the season before the anticipation of Easter, a time of great rejoicing in the Christian Church. We are called to live out our lives in Christian faith, hope, and love.”

A Disciple's Thoughts for Lent - Marci McGowan

ANNOUCEMENTS

New Discipleship Groups: New discipleship books have arrived! Covenant partners, please make it your goal to get commitments from 2 new people to join you for a new discipleship group.

Corporate Fast: Our Corporate fasting and prayer time will begin on March 27th and end after our worship gathering on March 30th. Our prayer guidelines will be available on the Church Family page of our website.