#### Confession & Prayer of Repentance

Trusting in God's tender mercy, let us confess our sin to God with one another.

God of truth you have spoken your Word to us and in us, but we have not listened to you. We have not been mindful of your presence, or attentive to your voice. Forgive the hardness of our hearts. Have mercy on us, heal us, and create us anew, that we might live by the power of your Word and in the light of your grace. We open our hearts to you O God and we confess

#### (Personal quiet confession)

Father, you have heard our confessions. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. And we all agree by saying, **Amen** 

Words of Comfort & Affirmation (see Romans 5:6, 8-9 NAS95) In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. All: Glory be to God! Amen

Prayers of the People: (liturgy on screen)

The Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you always. **People: And, with you** (Passing of the Peace)

Corporate Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**Benediction and Sending** 

#### Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer

Speaker of the House- Nancy Pelosi MO State House of Rep District 63- Richard West 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court Assoc. Circuit Judge Div. 9- Elizabeth Swann



### 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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Staff:

Rev. Michael Hammond, Sr. - President & Senior Pastor Rose Hammond- Receptionist

#### Order of Worship Sunday, October 23, 2022

#### Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Congregation responses spoken together appear in bold print.

#### Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

We worship because the Lord stood by us on difficult days. Even when we were not aware and felt alone, even when we feel weak and afraid that we have lost. Let us come together and worship the God who stands with us in our darkest days and promises to be with us to the end.

Worship in Song (click on the song title for a YouTube track)

Great Things Great Are You Lord Worthy of it All

#### Prayer for Illumination

God, You have promised through Your prophet that You would pour out Your spirit on all living beings. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us now, that in hearing and proclaiming Your Word, in prayer and song, word and silence, we may hear Your voice, receive Your Spirit, and be changed into the image of Christ. God, be merciful to us, and grant us Your grace. In Jesus name we pray ...And we all agree by saying, **Amen** 

Scripture Reading: Genesis 4:1-15 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

#### People: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word (reflection)

Responsive Scripture Reading: Psalm 5 (NASB95)

<sup>1</sup>Give ear to my words, O Lord, Consider my groaning.

#### <sup>2</sup> Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God, For to You I pray.

<sup>3</sup>In the morning, O Lord, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will order *my prayer* to You and *eagerly* watch.

# <sup>4</sup> For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; No evil dwells with You.

<sup>5</sup> The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all who do iniquity.

#### <sup>6</sup> You destroy those who speak falsehood; The Lord abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.

<sup>7</sup>But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness I will enter Your house, At Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You.

#### <sup>8</sup> O Lord, lead me in Your righteousness because of my foes; Make Your way straight before me.

<sup>9</sup> There is nothing reliable in what they say; Their inward part is destruction *itself*. Their throat is an open grave; They flatter with their tongue.

#### <sup>10</sup> Hold them guilty, O God; By their own devices let them fall! In the multitude of their transgressions thrust them out, For they are rebellious against You.

<sup>11</sup> But let all who take refuge in You be glad, Let them ever sing for joy; And may You shelter them, That those who love Your name may exult in You.

## <sup>12</sup> For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O Lord,You surround him with favor as with a shield.

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

In the Garden | View the lyrics here

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8; 16-18 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

### **People: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word** (reflection)

Gospel Reading: Luke 18: 9-17

Sermon (10:30 a.m.) https://www.facebook.com/fcmstl

The Importance of Seed Luke 8:4-15	23 October 2022 Min Jonathan Walls	Nothing of the Old Life! By <u>Oswald Chambers</u> If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed
		away; behold, all things have become new. — <u>2 Corinthians 5:17</u> Our Lord never tolerates our prejudices— He is directly opposed to them and puts them to death. We tend to think that God has some
		special interest in our particular prejudices, and are very sure that He will never deal with us as He has to deal with others. We even say to ourselves, "God has to deal with other people in a very strict way, but of course He knows that my prejudices are all right." But we must learn that God accepts nothing of the old life! Instead of
		being on the side of our prejudices, He is deliberately removing them from us. It is part of our moral education to see our prejudices put to death by His providence, and to watch how He does it. God pays no respect to anything we bring to Him. There is only one thing God wants of us, and that is our unconditional surrender. When we are born again, the Holy Spirit begins to work His new
		creation in us, and there will come a time when there is nothing remaining of the old life. Our old gloomy outlook disappears, as does our old attitude toward things, and "all things are of God" ( <u>2</u> <u>Corinthians 5:18</u> ). How are we going to get a life that has no lust, no self-interest, and is not sensitive to the ridicule of others? How
		will we have the type of love that "is kindis not provoked, [and] thinks no evil"? ( <u>1 Corinthians 13:4-5</u> ). The only way is by allowing nothing of the old life to remain, and by having only simple, perfect trust in God— such a trust that we no longer want
		God's blessings, but only want God Himself. Have we come to the point where God can withdraw His blessings from us without our trust in Him being affected? Once we truly see God at work, we will never be concerned again about the things that happen, because we are actually trusting in our Father in heaven, whom the world cannot see.