

(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

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (I John 1:9 KJV)

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 also with you** (Passing of the Peace)

Communion: (liturgy on screen)

Benediction and Sending

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

**President's Chief of Staff- Ron Klain**

**Missouri Secretary of State- John Ashcroft**

**City of St. Peters Clerk- Patty Smith**

**Announcements**

**Hardee's Rise & Shine** – Our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter outreach will be Friday  
Feb 10<sup>th</sup> from 6a – 10:30a to benefit Heat Up St Louis. Volunteers  
will be outside at the menu board or in the drive thru (you may  
warm up indoors if needed), must wear masks, and sign up for a  
minimum of 1 hour. Please sign up with Trish after service. We  
need all names/times/locations by Feb 1<sup>st</sup> so we have time to  
distribute the greeter kits.



**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  
St. Charles, MO 63302  
636-373-9001

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, January 15, 2023

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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

### Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Jesus, the Lamb of God, walks through our midst. He asks what are you looking for? Are you looking for Him, and for His grace? Come and draw near to Him as we come together in worship. (prayer)

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

[I Came To Magnify the Lord](#) [There is a Praise](#) [Great is the Lord](#)

### Prayer for Illumination

God of mercy, you have sent us Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. We want to see Him, to hear His word, to receive Your grace through Him. Speak Your Word to us and give us life. In Jesus Name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Responsive Scripture Reading: Psalm 40:1-11 (NASB95)

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the Lord;

And He inclined to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> **He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, and He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm.**

<sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
Many will see and fear and will trust in the Lord.

<sup>4</sup> **How blessed is the man who has made the Lord his trust, And has not turned to the proud, nor to those who lapse into falsehood.**

<sup>5</sup> Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders which You have done, and Your thoughts toward us; There is none to compare with You. If I would declare and speak of them, They would be too numerous to count.

<sup>6</sup> **Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired; My ears You have opened; Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.**

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, "Behold, I come;

In the scroll of the book it is written of me.

<sup>8</sup> I delight to do Your will, O my God;

Your Law is within my heart."

<sup>9</sup> **I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation; Behold, I will not restrain my lips, O Lord, You know.**

<sup>10</sup> I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart;

I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation;

I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth from the great congregation.

<sup>11</sup> **You, O Lord, will not withhold Your compassion from me; Your lovingkindness and Your truth will continually preserve me.**

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

[Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

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

Confession & Prayer of Repentance

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

**God of steadfast love, we confess that we are not steadfast in faith. We succumb to temptations to treat others unfairly. Yet You are not deceived for You see into our hearts. We come now to confess our sins to You and repent from them. God in Your mercy, forgive us and help us live in the abundance of Your steadfast love. We open our hearts to You, O God and confess**

**Called By God**

By Oswald Chambers

*I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." —Isaiah 6:8*

God did not direct His call to Isaiah— Isaiah overheard God saying, "...who will go for Us?" The call of God is not just for a select few but for everyone. Whether I hear God’s call or not depends on the condition of my ears, and exactly what I hear depends upon my spiritual attitude. "Many are called, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22:14). That is, few prove that they are the chosen ones. The chosen ones are those who have come into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ and have had their spiritual condition changed and their ears opened. Then they hear "the voice of the Lord" continually asking, "...who will go for Us?" However, God doesn’t single out someone and say, "Now, *you* go." He did not force His will on Isaiah. Isaiah was in the presence of God, and he overheard the call. His response, performed in complete freedom, could only be to say, "Here am I! Send me."

Remove the thought from your mind of expecting God to come to force you or to plead with you. When our Lord called His disciples, He did it without irresistible pressure from the outside. The quiet, yet passionate, insistence of His "Follow Me" was spoken to men whose every sense was receptive (Matthew 4:19). If we will allow the Holy Spirit to bring us face to face with God, we too will hear what Isaiah heard— "the voice of the Lord." In perfect freedom we too will say, "Here am I! Send me."



**Happy Birthday Pastor Michael!!  
We pray God’s blessing upon you  
today and all throughout this year!!**