Confession & Prayer of Repentance (cont'd)

(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, with you (Passing of the Peace)

Communion: (liturgy on screen)

Benediction and Sending

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer
Secretary of Homeland Security – Alejandro Mayorkas
Missouri Department of Agriculture – Chris Chinn
City of St. Charles Housing Authority Director- Diane Burke



A huge Thank you to all who braved the cold and took part in our outreach for #HeatUpStLouis with Hardees!! This will help senior, disabled and low-income households with their heating bills.



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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.

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Discipleship Groups (times vary)

Staff:

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, February 12, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

This is what the Lord says: "Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the Lord. For he will be like a bush in the desert, and will not see when prosperity comes, but will live in stony wastes in the wilderness, a land of salt that is not inhabited. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose trust is the Lord. (Jeremiah 17:5-7 NASB)

(prayer) God of all Goodness and Mercy, carry us gently in Your heart that we may be stirred to follow Your Word. Bless this worship that we might love You with all our hearts, minds, bodies and strength.

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

Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing) I Love You Lord/I Exalt Thee

More Than Anything I Love You

Prayer for Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God to accept Your Word. Silence in us any voice but Your own, that, hearing, we may also obey Your will; through Christ, our Lord. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus, and we all agree by saying **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Responsive Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:1-8

¹ How blessed are those whose way is blameless, Who walk in the law of the Lord.

² How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, Who seek Him with all *their* heart.

³ They also do no unrighteousness; They walk in His ways.

⁴ You have ordained Your precepts, That we should keep *them* diligently.

⁵Oh that my ways may be established to keep Your statutes!

⁶ Then I shall not be ashamed

When I look upon all Your commandments.

⁷I shall give thanks to You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments.

⁸ I shall keep Your statutes; Do not forsake me utterly!

(Quiet Reflection)

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

<u>Lift Every Voice And Sing</u> | View the lyrics <u>here</u>

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-37

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.

Loving God, we confess that too often, we live by fear rather than faith. Too often, we have forgotten that we are Yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God, and we fall short of being credible witnesses to You. For these things, we ask Your forgiveness, and we also ask for Your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we can share Your love. Remind us to be who you created us to be regardless of our actions or who we are with.

God's Choice and Your Choice	12 February 2023	Is Your Mind Stayed on God?
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NASB95)	Pastor Michael Hammond Sr	By Oswald Chambers
		You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. — <u>Isaiah 26:3</u>
		Is your mind stayed on God or is it starved? Starvation of the mind, caused by neglect, is one of the chief sources of exhaustion and weakness in a servant's life. If you have never used your mind to place yourself before God, begin to do it now. There is no reason to wait for God to come to you. You must turn your thoughts and your eyes away from the face of idols and look to Him and be saved (see <u>Isaiah 45:22</u>).
		Your mind is the greatest gift God has given you and it ought to be devoted entirely to Him. You should seek to be "bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5). This will be one of the greatest assets of your faith when a time of trial comes, because then your faith and the Spirit of God will work together. When you have thoughts and ideas that are worthy of credit to God, learn to compare and associate them with all that happens in nature—the rising and the setting of the sun, the shining of the moon and the stars, and the changing of the seasons. You will begin to see that your thoughts are from God as well, and your mind will no longer be at the mercy of your impulsive thinking, but will always be used in service to God.
		"We have sinned with our fathers[and]did not remember" (Psalm 106:6-7). Then prod your memory and wake up immediately. Don't say to yourself, "But God is not talking to me right now." He ought to be. Remember whose you are and whom you serve. Encourage yourself to remember, and your affection for God will increase tenfold. Your mind will no longer be starved, but will be quick and enthusiastic, and your hope will be inexpressibly bright.