

Confession & Prayer of Repentance

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

Gracious and loving God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. During this season of Lent, we ask that You forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

(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)

Corporate Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

Communion: (liturgy on screen)

Benediction and Sending



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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:

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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, February 26, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Be glad in God and rejoice, O righteous and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. God is mighty and gracious in forgiveness. Let us come together and worship Him. (pray)

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

[Every Praise](#) [I Sing Praises To Your Name](#)

[Hymn Of Praise](#) [Sweet, Sweet Spirit](#)

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, reveal Your presence to us this day as we journey this path with Your Son. Through all of life's trials and tribulations Your Word sustains us for the journey ahead. During this season of Lent, we ask that You send Your Spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart. Be near us this day and may Your Word with us stay and dwell with us forevermore. In Jesus name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:1-21 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Responsive Scripture Reading: Psalm 32:1-7

¹ How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered!

² **How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit!**

³ When I kept silent *about my sin*, my body wasted away
Through my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer.** *Selah.*

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord";

And You forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah.*

⁶ **Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him.**

⁷ **You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance.**

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

[Lift Every Voice And Sing](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:12-19 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11(NASB95)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Discipleship group reports are past due. If you have not yet submitted yours, please do so ASAP. Thank you!

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer

Secretary of Education – Miguel Cardona

Director of MO Department of Revenue – Wayne Wallingford

State of MO Emer Management Agency Dir – James Remillard

St Charles County Emer Management Dir – Captain Chris Hunt

Genesis 3:1-21 (NASB95)

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Pastor Michael Hammond Sr

Our Misgivings About Jesus

By Oswald Chambers

The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw [water] with, and the well is deep." —John 4:11

Have you ever said to yourself, "I am impressed with the wonderful truths of God's Word, but He can't really expect me to live up to that and work all those details into my life!" When it comes to confronting Jesus Christ on the basis of His qualities and abilities, our attitudes reflect religious superiority. We think His ideals are lofty and they impress us, but we believe He is not in touch with reality— that what He says cannot actually be done. Each of us thinks this about Jesus in one area of our life or another. These doubts or misgivings about Jesus begin as we consider questions that divert our focus away from God. While we talk of our dealings with Him, others ask us, "Where are you going to get enough money to live? How will you live and who will take care of you?" Or our misgivings begin within ourselves when we tell Jesus that our circumstances are just a little too difficult for Him. We say, "It's easy to say, 'Trust in the Lord,' but a person has to live; and besides, Jesus has nothing with which to draw water— no means to be able to give us these things." And beware of exhibiting religious deceit by saying, "Oh, I have no misgivings about Jesus, only misgivings about myself." If we are honest, we will admit that we never have misgivings or doubts about ourselves, because we know exactly what we are capable or incapable of doing. But we do have misgivings about Jesus. And our pride is hurt even at the thought that He can do what we can't.

My misgivings arise from the fact that I search within to find how He will do what He says. My doubts spring from the depths of my own inferiority. If I detect these misgivings in myself, I should bring them into the light and confess them openly— "Lord, I have had misgivings about You. I have not believed in Your abilities, but only my own. And I have not believed in Your almighty power apart from my finite understanding of it."