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.

(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

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.

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<u>Staff</u>: Rev. Michael Hammond, Sr. - President & Senior Pastor Rose Hammond- Receptionist

Order of Worship Sunday, February 19, 2023

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Eternal God, Your Son was glorified on earth together with You, with the glory which He had with you before the world was. We thank You for sending Your only begotten Son so that we could have an example on how to live on earth. So, during this Transfiguration Sunday, we thank you for the glorification of Your Son and the power that was know in Him, because we believe that we too can experience Your power here on earth.

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

I Came To Magnify The Lord I Sing Praises to Your Name

He is Exalted

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, in the reading of the scriptures, may Your Word be heard. In the medications of our hearts, may Your Word be known. In the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown. Amen

Scripture Reading: Exodus 24:8-18 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Responsive Scripture Reading: Psalm 2:6-12

⁶ "But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain."

⁷ "I will announce the decree of the Lord; He said to Me, "You are My Son, today I have fathered you.

⁸ Ask it of Me, and I will certainly give the nations as Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth as Your possession.

⁹ You shall beak them with a rod of iron, you shall shatter them like earthenware."

¹⁰Now then, you kings, use insight; let yourselves be instructed, you judges of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the Lord with reverence and rejoice with trembling.

¹² Kiss the son, that He not be angry and you perish on the way, for His wrath may be kindled quickly. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

Lift Every Voice And Sing | View the lyrics here

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (NASB95)

<u>Reader</u>: This is the Word of God.

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 (NASB95)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget about our monthly Leadership Meeting next Sunday 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!

<u>Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer</u> Secretary of Housing & Urban Development – Marcia Fudge Missouri Department of Transportation Director – Patrick McKenna St Charles County Human Resources Manager – Samantha Shadrach

<u>2 Peter 1:16-21</u> (NAS95)

_____ (19 February 2023) Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

TWO OBSERVATIONS (vv. 16-18)

1. The authority of the _____

2. The authority of the _____

TWO ACTIONS (vv. 19-21)

1. Something to _____ (v. 19)

2. Something to ____/consider (vv. 20-21)

<u>Get A Move On</u> My Utmost for His Highest By Oswald Chambers

<u>2 Peter 1:4</u> (NAS95) For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

You have inherited the Divine nature, says Peter (v. 4), now screw your attention down and form habits, give diligence, concentrate. "Add" means all that character means. No man is born either naturally or supernaturally with character; he has to make character. Nor are we born with habits; we have to form habits on the basis of the new life God has put into us. We are not meant to be illuminated versions, but the common stuff of ordinary life exhibiting the marvel of the grace of God. Drudgery is the touchstone of character. The great hindrance in spiritual life is that we will look for big things to do. "Jesus…took a towel,…and began to wash the disciples' feet."

There are times when there is no illumination and no thrill, but just the daily round, the common task. Routine is God's way of saving us between our times of inspiration. Do not expect God always to give you His thrilling minutes, but learn to live in the domain of drudgery by the power of God.