

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. In the holy Name of our Savior, Jesus, we pray, and we all agree by saying, Amen.

Words of Comfort & Affirmation

⁶Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near. ⁷Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon (Isaiah 55:6-7 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)

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, March 12, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Lord, we come to You this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear Your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for You. Lord, we ask this in Jesus' Name, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**

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

[Glory to Glory to Glory](#) [Glory and Honor](#) [Alpha and Omega](#)

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, You know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. And we all agree by saying, **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Responsive Scripture Reading: Psalm 95:1-9

¹ O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord,
Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

² **Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.**

³ For the Lord is a great God

And a great King above all gods,

⁴ **In whose hand are the depths of the earth,
The peaks of the mountains are His also.**

⁵ The sea is His, for it was He who made it,
And His hands formed the dry land.

⁶ **Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

⁷ For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice,

⁸ **Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
As in the day of Massah in the wilderness,**

⁹ **“When your fathers tested Me,
They tried Me, though they had seen My work.**

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

[Sweet Hour of Prayer](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-8 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-30,39-42 (NASB95)

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

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer

Secretary of Energy – Jennifer Granholm

State Board of Education – Kimberly Bailey

Donald Claycomb

St Charles Co Facilities Management Dir – Christine Ramsdell

St Charles Co Director of Admin – Joann Leykam

A Lie We Believe: In Tough Times God is Not With Us (3/12/23)

Exodus 17:1-7 (NASB95)

In tough times, we should remind ourselves of the nature of God:

- ✓ God is unique in that He is the only person who is _____ (e.g. everywhere both geographically, and chronologically).
- ✓ God is unique in that He is the only person who is _____ (e.g. has all knowledge of all things and is all-seeing).

1. From the beginning, God has known each and every _____ we face (v. 1).

2. When we recognize that a directive has been given by God, we rarely assume we won't have to _____, but we often think challenges will be _____ for us (vv. 2-3).

A Thought... When God says, "I will take you from here to there," humanity's presumption is either that difficulties will be relatively manageable for them, or that God will immediately and gloriously remove them. The places of tension between these two ideas can be the biggest part of our troubles. Both Moses and the people are wrestling with this dilemma. – Michael Hammond Sr.

- Israel's complaints reveal that their situation contradicted their _____ about God and how His plan for them would work.
- Israel had trouble separating the _____ of God from the purposes and processes of God. They did not grasp His full program and His comprehensive _____.

3. God is _____ us, and faithful to provide what we need as we _____ Him (vv. 5-6).

4. In judging Pharaoh, God dealt with an _____ enemy. Now God is addressing their _____ enemy e.g. their unbelieving hearts (v. 7).

Takeaways:
