

## 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: Nicene Creed

Benediction and Sending

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our monthly Agape Love Feast will be today immediately following our corporate worship gathering. Visitors are welcome to attend.

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

### Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer

Secretary of Commerce – Gina Raimondo

MO State Board of Education – Charles Shields (president)

Carol Hallquist (vice-president)

Pamela Westbrook Hodge

St Charles Co Parks & Rec Dir – Chris Atkinson



# 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

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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 5, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Thank you, Lord God for the opportunity of worship, for the freedom we have to be among Your family meeting together in Your house. When we worship, we can put aside the uncertainties of this world and focus on the promises of the kingdom. Inhabit our worship this morning Lord and we will never cease to give Your name the praise. It's in Jesus name we pray and we all agree by saying, **Amen**

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

[Healer](#)   [Praise Him](#)   [Just Want to Praise You](#)

Prayer for Illumination

One thing that we desire from You Lord is to live in the beauty of Your Word and to be transformed by its wisdom and wonder. As we hear the scriptures read today Lord, we ask that Your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds as we dwell in Your presence. In Jesus name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-9 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Responsive Scripture Reading: Psalm 121

<sup>1</sup> I will lift up my eyes to the mountains;

From where shall my help come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the Lord,**

**Who made heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> He will not allow your foot to slip;

He who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, He who keeps Israel  
Will neither slumber nor sleep.**

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is your keeper;

The Lord is your shade on your right hand.

<sup>6</sup> **The sun will not smite you by day,  
Nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will protect you from all evil;  
He will keep your soul.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in  
From this time forth and forever.**

Worship in Song: Special Selection [He'll Find A Way](#)

Scripture Reading: Romans 4:1-8; 13-17 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17 (NASB95)

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.

**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.

**A Lie We Believe... Our Works Can Get us into Heaven** (3/5/23)

Romans 4:1-8 (NASB95)

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1. The righteousness of God is credited to those who \_\_\_\_\_, not those who simply do good works.

- When we say “justified” we usually mean both \_\_\_\_\_ (right in performing an act/the act was a pure and correct act), and therefore \_\_\_\_\_ e.g. not guilty of any negative repercussions resulting from our righteous actions.

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2. If you do NOT believe, your works are NOT \_\_\_\_\_ according to God’s righteous standard. Why?

- Works \_\_\_\_\_ faith, but works in and of themselves are not faith. (John 6:28-29, James 2:17-18, 21-26).
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Is He Really My Lord?

By Oswald Chambers

...so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus... —Acts 20:24

Joy comes from seeing the complete fulfillment of the specific purpose for which I was created and born again, not from successfully doing something of my own choosing. The joy our Lord experienced came from doing what the Father sent Him to do. And He says to us, “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you” (John 20:21). Have you received a ministry from the Lord? If so, you must be faithful to it— to consider your life valuable only for the purpose of fulfilling that ministry. Knowing that you have done what Jesus sent you to do, think how satisfying it will be to hear Him say to you, “Well done, good and faithful servant” (Matthew 25:21). We each have to find a niche in life, and spiritually we find it when we receive a ministry from the Lord. To do this we must have close fellowship with Jesus and must know Him as more than our personal Savior. And we must be willing to experience the full impact of Acts 9:16 — “I will show him how many things he must suffer *for My name’s sake*.”

“Do you love Me?” Then, “Feed My sheep” (John 21:17). He is not offering us a choice of how we can serve Him; He is asking for absolute loyalty to His commission, a faithfulness to what we discern when we are in the closest possible fellowship with God. If you have received a ministry from the Lord Jesus, you will know that the need is not the same as the call— the need is the opportunity to exercise the call. The call is to be faithful to the ministry you received when you were in true fellowship with Him. This does not imply that there is a whole series of differing ministries marked out for you. It does mean that you must be sensitive to what God has called you to do, and this may sometimes require ignoring demands for service in other areas.