

## Confession & Prayer of Repentance

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

**Heavenly Father, our hearts are so prone to hardness. Please break up that fallow ground and search us, dear Lord. Show us the hidden places that offend you so that through repentance we can offer you the praise you so richly deserve. Our sacrifices and celebrations are meaningless if they aren't dedicated to you with a contrite heart. Thank you that the blood of Jesus covers our sin and makes a way for us to enjoy the bounty of Your presence. Forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts back to You. Replace our arrogance, ignorance, and self-sufficiency with a pure, Holy, reverent fear. Create in us a clean heart, Lord and restore a right spirit within us, for we confess:**

(Personal quiet confession)

Father, you have heard our confessions. Forgive us, I 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)*

If you have done as the Scriptures have commanded then 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



# 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:

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St. Charles, MO 63302  
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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, April 16, 2023

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

We are born anew! We have a living hope. We have an enduring inheritance; it is God's love for us. We rejoice with hearts filled with praise. Words cannot express our joy. How can we express what it means to be invited into God's presence? Meet us here Lord, as we come together in worship. In Jesus name we pray, Amen

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

[Lord You're Worthy](#)   [Worthy is the Lamb](#)

[Worthy of it All](#)   [Revelation 19:1](#)

Prayer for Illumination

Resurrected God, though we have hidden ourselves in a locked room and huddled together as ones who build barriers, send Your Living Word through our locked doors and into our guarded hearts that we might be witnesses of your grace and couriers of your goodness. By the power of your Holy Spirit, grant us the trust to believe the Gospel not because we see it but because we have been seen by it and transformed through it. In Jesus' Name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Acts 5:29-42 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Responsive Scripture Reading: Psalm 148 (NASB95)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

Praise Him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup> **Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!**

<sup>3</sup> Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all stars of light!

<sup>4</sup> **Praise Him, highest heavens,**

**And the waters that are above the heavens!**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,

For He commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup> **He has also established them forever and ever;**

**He has made a decree which will not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth, Sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> **Fire and hail, snow and clouds;**

**Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;**

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills;

Fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup> **Beasts and all cattle;**

**Creeping things and winged fowl;**

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples;

Princes and all judges of the earth;

<sup>12</sup> **Both young men and virgins;**

**Old men and children.**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,

For His name alone is exalted;

His glory is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> **And He has lifted up a horn for His people,**

**Praise for all His godly ones;**

***Even for the sons of Israel, a people near to Him.***

**Praise the Lord!**

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

[He Lives](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

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

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31 (NASB95)

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

**What's Next...Don't Go Back to Unbelieving**

16 April 2023

John 20:19-31 (NASB95)

Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

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**Reconciling Relationships**

Ephesians 4:22-32

My sister and I clashed frequently when we were younger, but one time especially stands out in my memory. After a bout of yelling back and forth where we'd both said hurtful things, she said something that in the moment seemed unforgivable. Witnessing the animosity growing between us, my grandmother reminded us of our responsibility to love each other: "God gave you one sister in life. You've got to show each other a little grace," she said. When we asked God to fill us with love and understanding, He helped us acknowledge how we'd hurt each other and to forgive one another.

It can be so easy to hold on to bitterness and anger, but God desires for us to experience the peace that can only come when we ask Him to help us release feelings of resentment (Ephesians 4:31). Instead of harboring these feelings, we can look to Christ's example of forgiveness that comes from a place of love and grace, striving to be "kind and compassionate" and to "[forgive] each other, just as in Christ God forgave [us]" (v. 32). When we find it challenging to forgive, may we consider the grace that He extends to us each day. No matter how many times we fall short, His compassion never fails (Lamentations 3:22). God can help us remove bitterness from our hearts, so we're free to remain hopeful and receptive to His love.

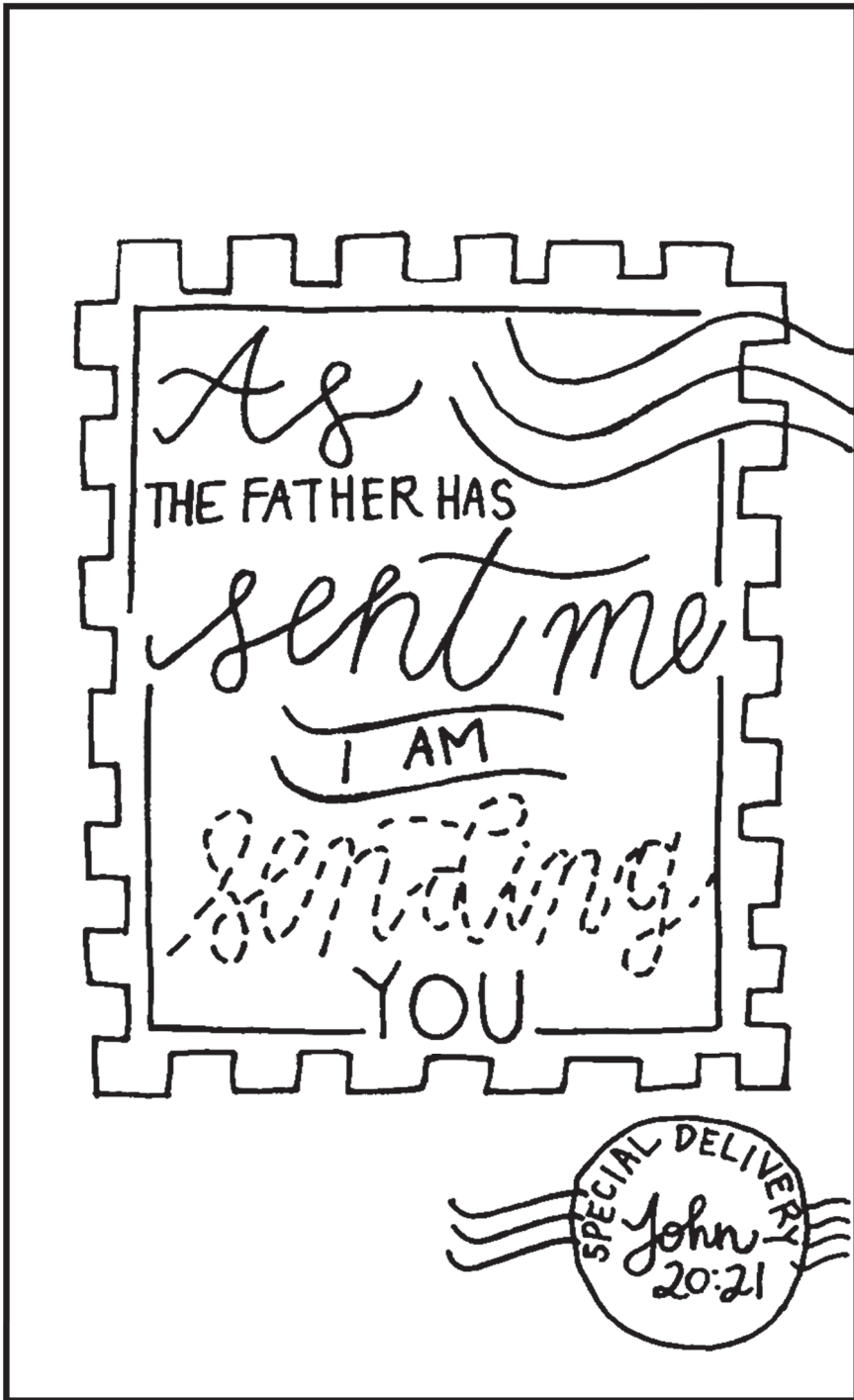
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**Announcements**

Our corporate fasting and prayer time will be at the end of this month from April 27<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>. Information about our prayer focus will be on the website later this month.

<p><b><u>Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer.</u></b> Chief of Staff of the Air Force – General Charles Q Brown Jr. Chief of Staff MO Air Natl Guard – Brig. Gen. Kimbra Sterr City of St Peters Police Chief – Rick Struttman St Charles County Counselor-Rory O’Sullivan (acting)</p>
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# My Worship Notes

Today is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 The preacher is: \_\_\_\_\_



Today I ...

- \_\_\_ Brought a friend to church.
- \_\_\_ Brought my Bible.
- \_\_\_ Said "hello" to two people.

Today's Bible Passages

# 1 \_\_\_\_\_

# 2 \_\_\_\_\_

# 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Words I don't understand ...

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Questions I have about what was said ...

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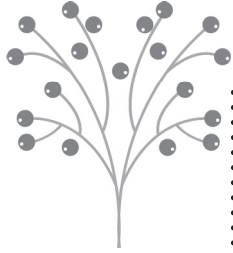
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How many times did I hear these words? (make a tally mark)

Peace	Holy Spirit	Forgiveness	Disciples
Believed	Sent	Alpha + Omega	Jesus

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

What was the most important thing I learned today?



How can I use this in my life?

Who can I share Jesus with this week?

BLESSED  
ARE  
THOSE  
WHO  
have not  
SEEN  
&  
YET HAVE  
BELIEVED.

John 20:29

Songs we sang:



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Draw a picture about the sermon

My time  
be with you