

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, 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)

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



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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, April 23, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Father, we declare that we love You. Thank You that you have made the way of love known through Your son Jesus Christ. Amen

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

[Glory and Honor](#) [For Your Glory](#) [Glory to Your Name](#)

Prayer for Illumination

God, source of all light, by Your Word You give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the Spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by You in Holy scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In Jesus' Name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Responsive Scripture Reading: Psalm 116:1-14 (NASB95)

¹ I love the Lord, because He hears
My voice *and* my supplications.

² **Because He has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.**

³ The cords of death encompassed me and the terrors
of Sheol came upon me; I found distress and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I beseech You, save my life!”**

⁵ Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
Yes, our God is compassionate.

⁶ **The Lord preserves the simple;
I was brought low, and He saved me.**

⁷ Return to your rest, O my soul,
For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸ **For You have rescued my soul from death,
My eyes from tears, My feet from stumbling.**

⁹ I shall walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

¹⁰ **I believed when I said, “I am greatly afflicted.”**

¹¹ I said in my alarm, “All men are liars.”

¹² **What shall I render to the Lord
For all His benefits toward me?**

¹³ I shall lift up the cup of salvation
And call upon the name of the Lord.

¹⁴ **I shall pay my vows to the Lord,
Oh may it be in the presence of all His people.**

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

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

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-25 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35 (NASB95)

Sermon (10:45 a.m.) <https://www.facebook.com/fcmstl>

Announcements

Our corporate fasting and prayer time will begin this week
Thursday April 27th and end Sunday April 30th with communion at
our worship service. Information about our prayer focus will be on
the website in the next few days.

Doubt Dispelled (23 April 2023)

Luke 24:13-35 (NASB95)

1. Two of Jesus disciples are _____, _____, and _____ for answers regarding his death and the report of his resurrection (vv. 13-24).

2. Jesus lovingly _____ them (vv. 25-28).

- Foolish (Greek: ἀνόητος) no understanding, opposite of intelligent, by implication sensual/carnal
 - What happened was terrible, but these terrible events only affirm the law and the prophets, they do not nullify them.

3. Their focus _____ from what they were feeling back to the truth their emotions caused them to ignore (v. 29, 32).

- These disciples were receiving life and they wanted the one who had given it to remain with them.

4. They _____ and _____ Jesus (vv. 30-35).

- Jesus reveals himself in the _____ and at the _____, which resulted in these disciples sharing the testimony of Jesus and the resurrection with others.

Pressing On in Jesus

Philippians 3:12–16

On a run in the forest, I tried to find a shortcut and went down an unfamiliar path. Wondering if I was lost, I asked a runner coming the other way if I was on the right track.

“Yup,” he replied confidently. Seeing my doubtful look, he quickly added: “Don’t worry, I’ve tried all the wrong routes! But that’s okay, it’s all part of the run.”

What an apt description of my spiritual journey! How many times have I strayed from God, given in to temptation, and been distracted by the things of life? Yet God has forgiven me each time and helped me to move on—knowing I will certainly stumble again. God knows our tendency to go down the wrong path. But He’s always ready to forgive, again and again, if we confess our sins and allow His Spirit to transform us.

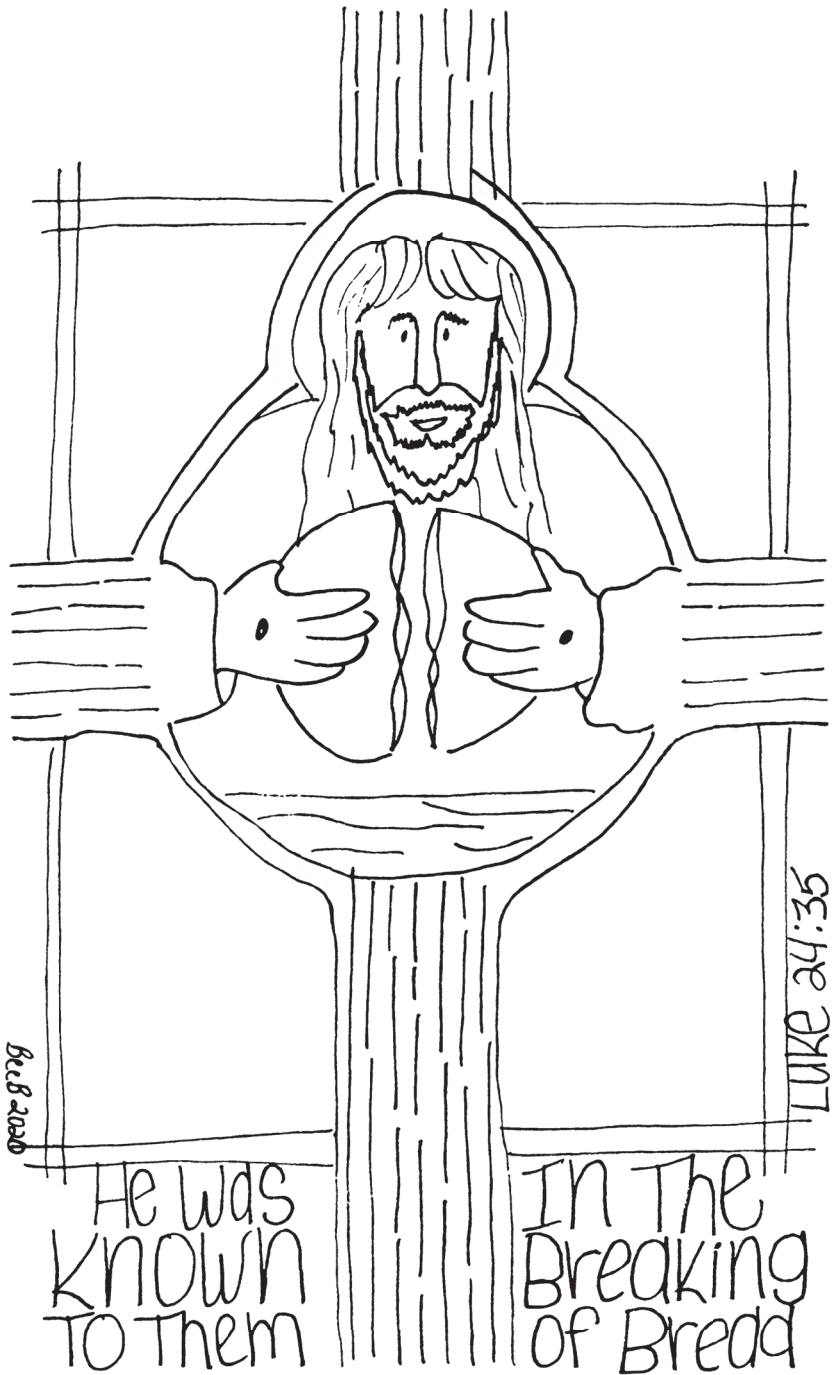
Paul too knew this was all part of the faith journey. Fully aware of his sinful past and current weaknesses, he knew he had yet to obtain the Christlike perfection he desired (Philippians 3:12). “But one thing I do,” he added, “forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on” (vv. 13–14). Stumbling is part of our walk with God: it’s through our mistakes that He refines us.

His grace enables us to press on, as forgiven children.

By: Leslie Koh

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer

Commandant of the Marines – General David H. Berger
Chief of National Guard Bureau – General Daniel Hokanson
MO National Guard Director of Joint Staff – Col. Robert Payne
St Charles County Police Chief – Kurt Frisz



My Worship Notes

Today is: _____

The preacher is: _____

Today's Bible Passages

1

2

3

Words I don't understand ...

Questions I have about
what was said ...

What did you learn about God today?



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

Bread	Jesus	Prophets	Risen
Blood	Lamb	Glory	Heart

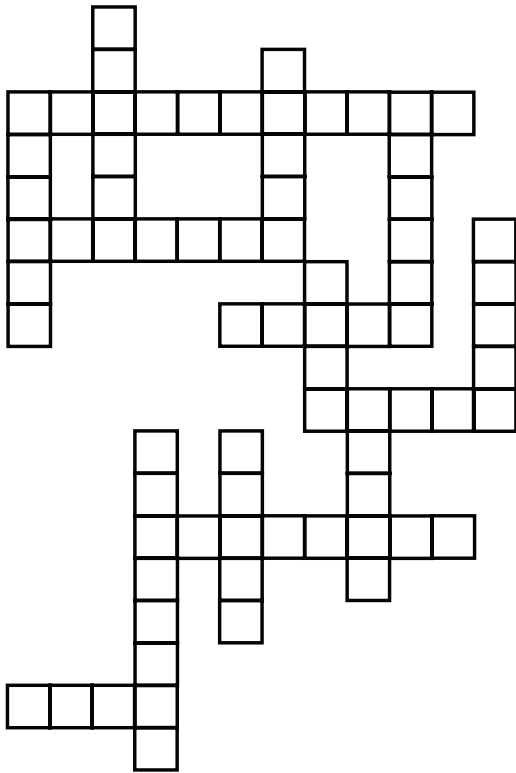
MY NAME _____

What was my favorite part of church today?



How can I use this in my life?

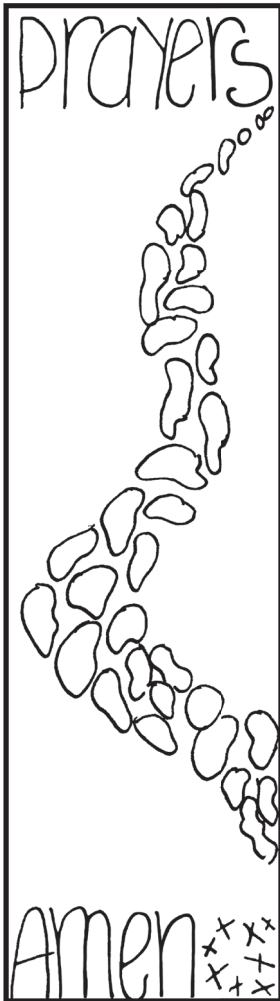
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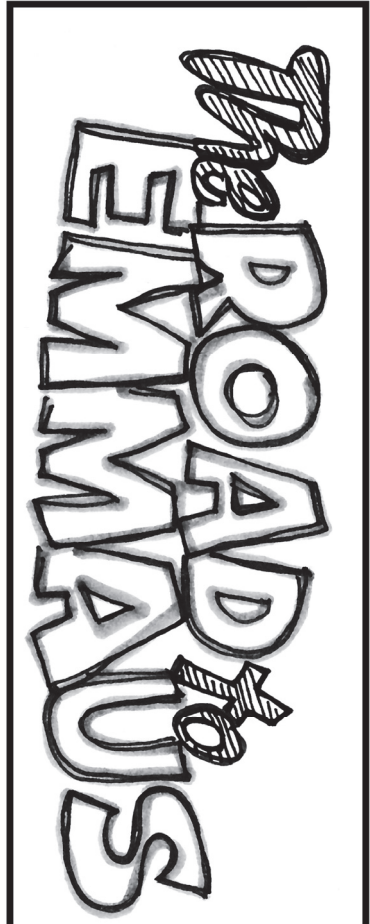
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PROPHETS
BAPTIZED
WITNESS
FLOWER

SPIRIT
JESUS
HEART
BREAD
RISEN

GLORY
CHRIST
BLOOD
LAMB
LOVE



Draw a picture about the sermon



The Sacraments

Today we celebrated the Lord's Supper ...

Yes No

Today we had a baptism ...

Yes No

