Confession & Prayer of Repentance

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

Lord God, we are sorry for our sins with all our heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, we have sinned against You whom we should love above all things. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors as ourselves 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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Staff: Rev. Michael Hammond, Sr. - President & Senior Pastor Rose Hammond- Receptionist

Order of Worship

Sunday, April 30, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

We have gathered here today to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls. The one who has created us, who sustains us, who redeems us, who walks beside us in good times and bad, and who calls us to follow. This is our God!! Come, let us worship Him in spirit and in truth. In Jesus name we pray, Amen

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

Everlasting God Everlasting God Alpha and Omega

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path You set before us, through Jesus Christ. In His holy name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Scripture Reading (in unison): Psalm 23 (NASB95)

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside quiet waters.

³He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of

righteousness for His name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.
⁶ Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month <u>He Lives</u> | View the lyrics <u>here</u>

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10 (NASB95)

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

Announcements

Our monthly leadership meeting will be today immediately following our Worship Gathering. All covenant partners should plan on attending.

Please make sure you have signed up with the dish you are bringing to our *Agape Meal* next Sunday. Looking forward to hearing your glory sightings!!

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer

US Supreme Court Chief Justice – John Roberts MO Supreme Court Chief Justice – George Draper III St Charles County Municipal Judge – Joe Brett MO Commissioner of Education – Dr Margie Vandeven

I Am the Door	
John 10:1-10 (NASB95)	

30 April 2023 Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

By Oswald Chambers

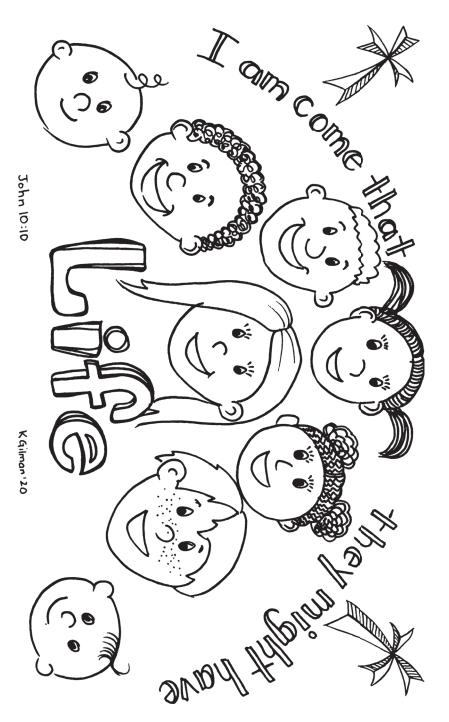
I will give your life to you as a prize in all places, wherever you go. —Jeremiah 45:5

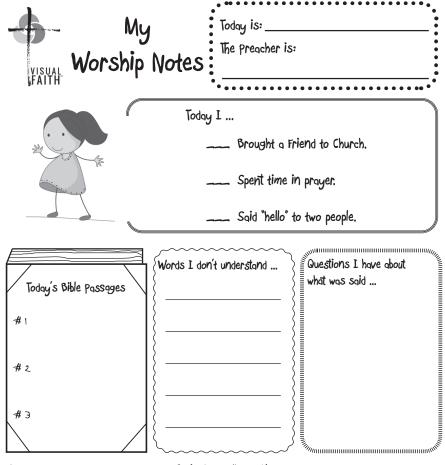
This is the firm and immovable secret of the Lord to those who trust Him– "I will give your life to you...." What more does a man want than his life? It is the essential thing. "...your life...as a prize..." means that wherever you may go, even if it is into hell, you will come out with your life and nothing can harm it. So many of us are caught up in exhibiting things for others to see, not showing off property and possessions, but our blessings. All these things that we so proudly show have to go. But there is something greater that can never go– the life that "is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3).

Are you prepared to let God take you into total oneness with Himself, paying no more attention to what you call the great things of life? Are you prepared to surrender totally and let go? The true test of abandonment or surrender is in refusing to say, "Well, what

about this?" Beware of your own ideas and speculations. The moment you allow yourself to think, "What about this?" you show that you have not surrendered and that you do not really trust God. But once you do surrender, you will no longer think about what God is going to do. Abandonment means to refuse yourself the luxury of asking any questions. If you totally abandon yourself to God, He immediately says to you, "I will give your life to you as a prize...." The reason people are tired of life is that God has not given them anything— they have not been given their life "as a prize." The way to get out of that condition is to abandon yourself to God. And once you do get to the point of total surrender to Him, you will be the most surprised and delighted person on earth. God will have you absolutely, without any limitations, and He will have given you your life. If you are not there, it is either because of disobedience in your life or your refusal to be simple enough.

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