

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)

Holy Communion: (liturgy on screen)

The Blessing

**Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer**

US Supreme Court Associate Justice- Amy Barrett

MO Supreme Court Judge- Mary Russell

St. Charles County Council District 3- Mike Elam

*Before heading to His death, Jesus stops and prays for Himself, His friends, and all of us who would believe in Him in the future.*

In John 17, we're allowed to eavesdrop on one of Jesus' prayers. Although it is only moments before He will be betrayed, beaten and crucified, Jesus takes time to pray on behalf of His disciples. He shows His heartfelt concern, not only for the men He has taught for years but for those who would later hear His message, including you.

The intimacy and familiarity with which Jesus speaks to God is evident. For eternity, even before "the foundation of the world," Jesus and God the Father have shared a perfect loving relationship. Through Jesus, we get to enter into their perfect loving union. You have received eternal life and restoration to a loving and intimate relationship with God through Jesus.

God is not far off, and Jesus' concern for you is not distant. He prayed for you. Even today, the Son resides next to the Father, continuing to appeal on your behalf (1 John 2:1). Today, thank God for allowing you to enter into a completely loving relationship with Him through Jesus.

From John: A 21-Day Devotional



## 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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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, May 21, 2023

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Leader: Shout to God with songs of great joy!

**People: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.**

Leader: God has made us whole.

**People: God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.**

Leader: Come let us celebrate the love of God!!

**People: Let us proclaim God's name and serve God joyfully.**

Prayer: O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. In your resurrection, O Christ, let heaven and earth rejoice!!

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

[We Have Come into His House](#)   [Come into His Presence](#)

[House of the Lord](#)   [There is None Like You](#)

Prayer for Illumination

Father, we pray now that You would illumine our minds more and more as we look to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Open our eyes to see wondrous things in Your Word of truth. Open our ears to hear Your still small voice speaking to us the Words of life. And open our minds and cleanse our thoughts so that Your Holy Spirit may guide us into all truth. May we be increasingly willing to submit to Your gentle promptings, so that You may guide us into Your way of peace. In Your holy name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:12-26 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 68:1-10 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

[At the Cross](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

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

Confession & Prayer of Repentance

(Personal quiet confession)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, may He have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Thanks be to God**



