

## Confession & Prayer of Repentance

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

**Our God, we are sorry for our sins with all our heart, For choosing to do wrong and failing to do good. We have sinned against you whom we should love above all else. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Forgive us, for not following Your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us for when we have not listened for Your voice, but acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, for we confess:**

(Quiet confession of personal sin)

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)

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: Apostles' Creed

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:

P.O. Box 430  
St. Charles, MO 63302  
636-373-9001

## 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 7, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

We gather this day, O Lord, as people who seek your guiding love. Open our hearts and make us ready to stand firm in the faith that leads to loving service. Create a new people in this place so that your love may surround all who enter here. **WORSHIP THE LORD AND PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!! Amen**

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

[Only A God Like You](#) [Wide As The Sky](#) [Amen](#)

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way, revealed to us your truth, and offered to us everlasting life. Keep our eyes upon him, that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly; through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in Eternal glory. Amen

Scripture Reading: Acts 6:1-9; 7:29, 51-60 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Scripture Reading in Unison: Psalm 146 (NASB95)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul.

**<sup>2</sup> I will praise the Lord while I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup> Do not trust in noblemen, in mortal man, in whom there is no salvation.

**<sup>4</sup> His spirit departs; he returns to the earth; on that very day, his plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

**<sup>6</sup> Who made heaven and earth, the sea and everything that is in them:**

<sup>7</sup> Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord frees the prisoners.

**<sup>8</sup> The Lord opens the eyes of those who are blind; the Lord raises up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord watches over strangers; he supports the fatherless and the widow, but He thwarts the way of the wicked.

**<sup>10</sup> The Lord will reign forever, your God, Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!**

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

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

Scripture Reading: I Peter 2:2-10 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14 (NASB95)

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

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

US Supreme Court Associate Justice – Clarence Thomas

MO Supreme Court Judge – Zel M Fisher

St Charles County Council District 2 – Joe Brazil

## The Certainty of it All

John 14:1-14 (NASB95)

7 May 2023

Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

1. The disciple can have \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1).  
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\_\_\_\_\_
2. A place in heaven has been \_\_\_\_\_ and reserved for the disciple. If you are a disciple there is room for you (v. 2).  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. A disciple has \_\_\_\_\_, and it is \_\_\_\_\_, which means there is \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3).  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Jesus promises to \_\_\_\_\_ return for his disciples (v. 3).  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and to the truth, and the life, found only in God (vv. 4-6).  
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6. The true and living God of the universe has \_\_\_\_\_ himself (vv. 7-11).  
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7. As Jesus's disciples, we can do the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (vv. 12-14).  
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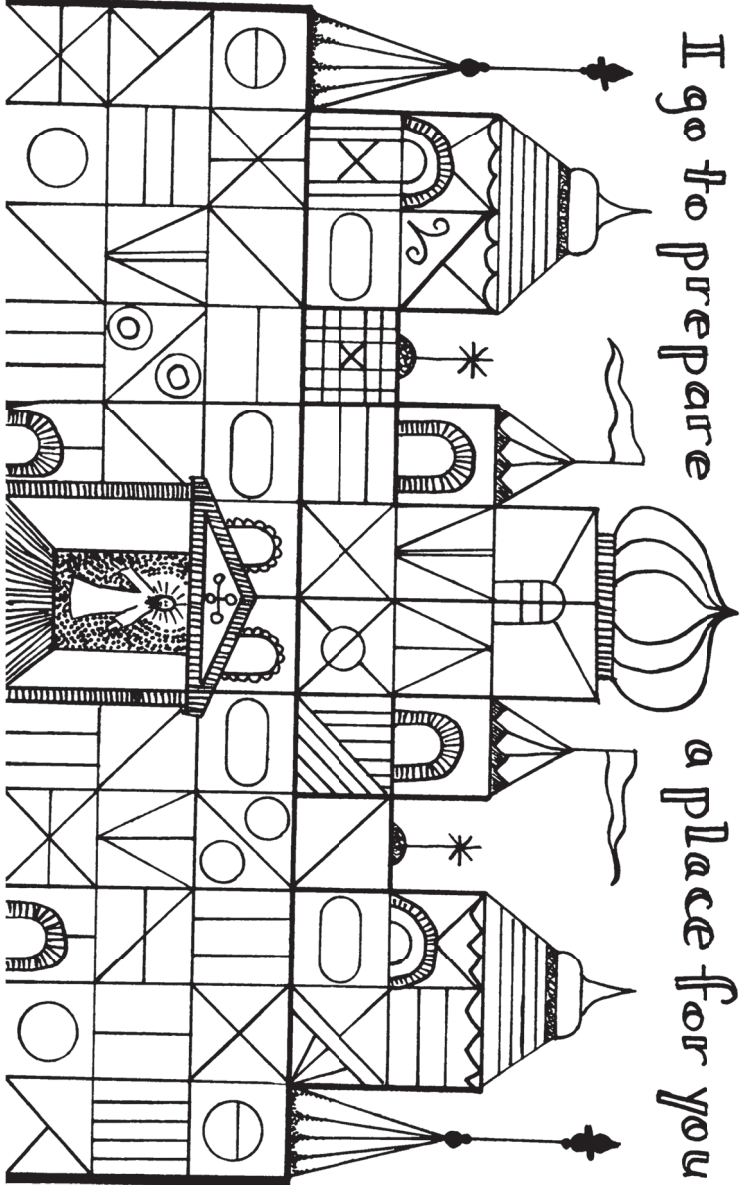
## The Impartial Power Of God

Oswald Chambers

By one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. —Hebrews 10:14 We trample the blood of the Son of God underfoot if we think we are forgiven because we are sorry for our sins. The only reason for the forgiveness of our sins by God, and the infinite depth of His promise to forget them, is the death of Jesus Christ. Our repentance is merely the result of our personal realization of the atonement by the Cross of Christ, which He has provided for us. "...Christ Jesus...became for us wisdom from God— and righteousness and sanctification and redemption..." (1 Corinthians 1:30). Once we realize that Christ has become all this for us, the limitless joy of God begins in us.

No matter who or what we are, God restores us to right standing with Himself only by means of the death of Jesus Christ. God does this, not because Jesus pleads with Him to do so but because He died. It cannot be earned, just accepted. All the pleading for salvation which deliberately ignores the Cross of Christ is useless. It is knocking at a door other than the one which Jesus has already opened. We protest by saying, "But I don't want to come that way. It is too humiliating to be received as a sinner." God's response, through Peter, is, "... there is no other name...by which we must be saved" ([Acts 4:12](#)). What at first appears to be heartlessness on God's part is actually the true expression of His heart. There is unlimited entrance His way. "In Him we have redemption through His blood..." ([Ephesians 1:7](#)). To identify with the death of Jesus Christ means that we must die to everything that was never a part of Him. God is just in saving bad people only as He makes them good. Our Lord does not pretend we are all right when we are all wrong. The atonement by the Cross of Christ is the propitiation God uses to make unholy people holy.





In my Father's house are many mansions.  
 I go to prepare a place for you.



# 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 ...



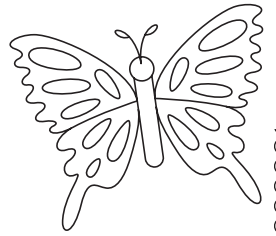
What did you learn about God today?

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

Blessed	Peace	Seeing	Believe
Disciples	Jesus	Love	Spirit

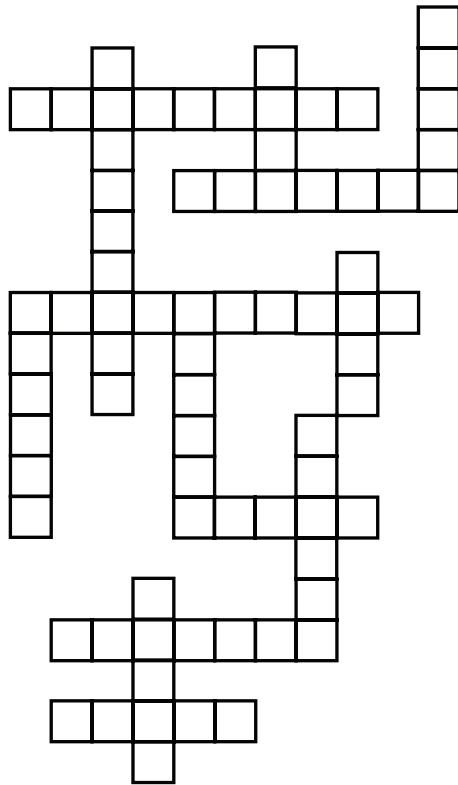
MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

What was my favorite part of church today?



How can I use this in my life?

Fill-In Word puzzle



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|------------|--------|-------|
| PRIESTHOOD | PRAYER | MERCY |
| SALVATION  | FATHER | STONE |
| GLORIFIED  | SPIRIT | WORD  |
| PREPARE    | GLORY  | LIFE  |
| BELIEVE    | TRUTH  |       |

✦ Prayers ✦

✦ ПРΟΣΕΥΧΕΪ ✦ oraciones ✦

✦ gebete ✦ mga panalangin ✦

✦ SALA ✦ NAMAZ ✦

✦ duayên ✦

K.G.'20

Draw a picture about the sermon



I  
go to  
Prepare  
a  
PLACE  
for  
YOU.

John 14:2  
K. Gilman '20

### The Sacraments

Today we celebrated the Lord's Supper ...

Yes  No

Today we had a baptism ...

Yes  No