

## Keep Recognizing Jesus

By Oswald Chambers

...Peter...walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid... —Matthew 14:29-30

The wind really was boisterous and the waves really were high, but Peter didn't see them at first. He didn't consider them at all; he simply recognized his Lord, stepped out in recognition of Him, and "walked on the water." Then he began to take those things around him into account, and instantly, down he went. Why couldn't our Lord have enabled him to walk at the bottom of the waves, as well as on top of them? He could have, yet neither could be done without Peter's continuing recognition of the Lord Jesus.

We step right out with recognition of God in some things, then self-consideration enters our lives and down we go. If you are truly recognizing your Lord, you have no business being concerned about how and where He engineers your circumstances. The things surrounding you *are* real, but when you look at them you are immediately overwhelmed, and even unable to recognize Jesus. Then comes His rebuke, "...why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:31). Let your actual circumstances be what they may, but keep recognizing Jesus, maintaining complete reliance upon Him.

If you debate for even one second when God has spoken, it is all over for you. Never start to say, "Well, I wonder if He really did speak to me?" Be reckless immediately— totally unrestrained and willing to risk everything— by casting your all upon Him. You do not know when His voice will come to you, but whenever the realization of God comes, even in the faintest way imaginable, be determined to recklessly abandon yourself, surrendering everything to Him. It is only through abandonment of yourself and your circumstances that you will recognize Him. You will only recognize His voice more clearly through recklessness— being willing to risk your all.



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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, June 18, 2023

## HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

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

### Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the Lord Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations. – Psalm 100

(Prayer)

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

[You Are Good](#)

[Good Good Father](#)

[Worth](#)

### Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, come to us as we open the Bible. Take these ancient words and let them live. Teach each of us as we read and as we listen. Inspire, encourage and equip us to follow Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Exodus 19:2-8 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

[All in Jesus](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:6-15 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:20 (NASB95)

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

### Confession & Prayer of Repentance

Let us humbly confess our sins with one another to Almighty God.

(quiet confession)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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.

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: Nicene Creed

The Blessing and Sending

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

US Supreme Court Associate Justice- Sonya Sotomayer

MO Supreme Court Judge- W. Brent Powell

St. Charles Co. Council District 6 – Nancy Schneider

**Purpose**  
**Exodus 19:1-8** (NASB95)

18 June 2023  
Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

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*We praise God for  
the blessing of  
fathers!*

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you” (**Exodus 20:12**).

“Being a godly father requires much perseverance and prayer as we seek God's guidance in being the types of fathers He wants us to be.” — F.F. Bruce

“A father's responsibility is not to make the child's decisions, but to let the child watch him make his.” — Ed Cole