

Awakening

Joel 2:28-32 (NIV)

23 July 2023

Pastor Matt Schell

Announcements

July 27th – July 30th : Our corporate fasting & prayer time will begin this Thursday. The prayer focus is available on our website.

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer
 8th Circuit US Court of Appeals- Hon. Ralph R. Erickson
 MO Eastern Appellate District- Judge Angela Quigless
 Judge Phillip Hess
 St. Charles Municipal Court Administrator- Heather Smith



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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, July 23, 2023

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

God of grace, we come here from the weariness of the week, from various triumphs, from fears and doubts. Open our hearts to receive your message of hope for all people, this we ask in Jesus' name, Amen (Extemporaneous Prayer)

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

[Glory to Glory to Glory](#) [Open Up the Heavens](#) [Glory to the Lamb](#)

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, we ask you to clean our minds and hearts of all the things that may prevent us from hearing Your word. Empty our hearts of doubt and empty our minds of preconceptions and assumptions. May we know that You are the source of our knowledge. Prepare our hearts to accept Your truth. Help us be capable of hearing Your voice as You speak to us. Amen

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Responsive Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:57-64 (NASB95)

⁵⁷ The Lord is my portion; I have promised to keep Your words.

⁵⁸ **I sought Your favor with all *my* heart; Be gracious to me according to Your word.**

⁵⁹ I considered my ways and turned my feet to Your testimonies.

⁶⁰ **I hastened and did not delay to keep Your commandments.**

⁶¹ The cords of the wicked have encircled me,

But I have not forgotten Your law.

⁶² **At midnight I shall rise to give thanks to You Because of Your righteous ordinances.**

⁶³ I am a companion of all those who fear You, And of those who keep Your precepts.

⁶⁴ **The earth is full of Your lovingkindness, O Lord; Teach me Your statutes.**

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

[I Am Thine](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18-27 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (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)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in your great mercy has promised forgiveness to all who sincerely repent of all sin and surrender to you, by faith in Jesus Christ; have mercy upon us, forgive us and deliver us from all our sins. Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness O' Lord, and bring us into everlasting life.

Prayers of the People: (liturgy on screen)

Minister: The Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you (Passing of the Peace)

The Blessing and Sending