

Father, we thank you for this work of love
and we believe you are granting all of these things to us right now,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(liturgy on screen)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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

CORPORATE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

THE BLESSING & SENDING

Go in peace, to love and serve God, to witness to others, and to
persist in faith, knowing that what you ask in faith shall be done!

Thanks be to God. In his name we will obey and now go. Amen!

Announcements

Sunday, September 3rd: There will be a sermon online ONLY
that day, and no in-person gathering at church. Please mark your
calendars.

Prayer for vision and refreshing: Please keep Pastor Michael in
prayer as he is away during the month of September. Also pray for
all of the guest speakers that will be sharing with us in his absence.

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer

8th Circuit US Court of Appeals- Hon. Duane Benton
MO Eastern Appellate District- Judge Thomas Torbitzky
Judge Cristian Stevens
City of St Peters Prosecuting Attorney- Lorna Frahm



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 fulfill 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, August 20, 2023

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

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

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Let us worship God!! Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever. If God is for us, who can be against us? Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Prayer: Lord be with us today as we come to you from all life's circumstances. Give us courage and strength and fill us with your love and grace as we lift your name in praise.

WORSHIP IN SONG (click on the song title for a YouTube track)

[Days Of Elijah](#) [Open the Eyes Of My Heart](#) [Waymaker](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us, so we may faithfully discern your way. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 56:1,6-8 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 67 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

(Quiet Reflection)

WORSHIP IN SONG: Hymn of the Month

[Blessed Be the Name](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 11:1-2a,13-15, 28-32 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15:21-28 (NASB95)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You Lord Christ

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Let us humbly confess our sins with one another to Almighty God. (Quiet confession)

Heavenly Father, we come to tell you what you already know. We have sinned. We have not loved you with all our heart or our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not been faithful in what you have called us to do. And we have allowed our sin, our fears, our failures, and our pride to keep us from persisting in faith.

God, please forgive us of our sins, which have been paid for with the precious blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit, sanctify us and work righteousness in us through your mighty power. Strengthen our faith so we will believe and persist in our actions And bring us into everlasting life.

We do not deserve it, so we thank you for your rich mercy toward us.

Persistent Faith

Matthew 15:21-28 (NASB95)

20 August 2023

Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE TEXT

1. Jesus's _____ and his intention on focusing on the _____ at hand

2. A woman _____ herself (because of her faith).

3. _____ when Jesus does not answer, and when his initial response does not resolve the issue.

A thought: We must never let our _____ undermine what our faith desires to see accomplished.

4. Jesus marvels at her _____ and meets her request.

A thought: A faith that is _____ is a faith that persists.

QUESTION

Why is our faith not persistent and what will it take for us to have a persistent faith?

TAKEAWAYS

1. It will take persistent faith for _____.

2. It will take persistence when it is not our _____ or our _____.