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 coming to You in prayer.

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.

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: Apostle's Creed

THE BLESSING & SENDING

Go in peace, to love and serve God and to witness to others; and remain steadfast in prayer, knowing that you have been empowered to do all these things.

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



FAITH COVENANT MINISTRIES

LOVE | LIFE | LORDSHIP | LEADERSHIP

faithcovenantstl.com

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, August 27, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Rejoice, people of God; this is our Sabbath day, our time for worship. This day was ordained for rest and restoration. God is worthy, He's our Creator, our Healer, and our Inspiration. So in gratitude for all of this, let us lift up holy hands and concentrate on Him and worship our Lord.

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

<u>Lord You're Worthy</u> <u>Better Than Good</u> <u>Glory To Your Name</u>

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dear Lord, Help us as we read these scriptures together. Come bring Your understanding and reveal Your truth. Open our minds, hearts, and souls to all that these words of life offer us. We long to be continually challenged, transformed and renewed by Your Word. May we hear Your voice of life as we read and draw close to You. In Jesus name we pray, **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 51:1-6 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word

(Quiet Reflection)

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 138 (NASB95)

¹I will give You thanks with all my heart;

I will sing praises to You before the gods.

² I will bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name.

³On the day I called, You answered me;

You made me bold with strength in my soul.

⁴ All the kings of the earth will give thanks to You, O Lord, When they have heard the words of Your mouth.

⁵ And they will sing of the ways of the Lord, For great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ For though the Lord is exalted, yet He regards the lowly, But the haughty He knows from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me.

⁸ The Lord will accomplish what concerns me; Your lovingkindness, O Lord, is everlasting; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

(Quiet Reflection)

WORSHIP IN SONG: Hymn of the Month

Blessed Be the Name | View the lyrics here

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 11:33-12:8 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:13-20 (NASB95)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You Lord Christ

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

The Topic of Prayer	27 August 2023
Matthew 26:36-46 (NASB95)	Min. Jonathan Walls

Devoted to God

One sign of a genuine believer is devotion to Christ. To be devoted means to cling to Jesus and steadfastly persevere with Him. Out of love and gratitude, we express our dedication to Him through three things: a passion to obey, a spirit of humility, and a servant's heart.

- 1. Obedience. Although David lived imperfectly, his desire was to do what the Lord commanded. We see from Jesus' words that obedience should be our high priority as well—He said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" (John 14:15).
- 2. Humility. Despite being anointed as king when he was a lowly shepherd boy, David never tried to take the throne while Saul was still in power. Instead, David humbly waited many years until the Lord gave it to him. Even as king, he remained humble, realizing that any greatness he had was due to God's grace (2 Samuel 7:18).
- 3. Service. Whether David was a lowly shepherd, a man running for his life, or a mighty king, the many psalms he wrote testify that he served the Lord with all his heart.

Devotion isn't passive but active. Are you practicing those things that undergird and prove your devotion?

Announcements

<u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 3rd</u>: Next Sunday there will be a sermon online ONLY, and no in-person gathering at the church. Please mark your calendars.

<u>Prayer for vision and refreshing</u>: Please keep Pastor Michael in prayer as he is away during the month of September. Also pray for 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. Bobby Shepherd Director of MO Dept. of Natural Resources- Dru Buntin 11th Judicial Chief Civil Court Clerk- Cheryl Crowder 11th Judicial Circuit Court Div. 1- Rebecca Navarro-McKelvey