

Thanks be to God that God's love for each of us is not based on our faithfulness but rather on God's steadfast love. My friends, know that your sins are forgiven, go therefore and walk in the light of the Lord, and give praise singing: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. 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, knowing that you have been empowered to do all these things.

In his name we will obey and now go. Amen!

Announcements

Prayer for vision and refreshing: 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

MO US Senator- Josh Hawley

MO State Senator District 2- Nick Schroer

11th Judicial Court Circuit Judge Div. 3- Jack Banas



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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, September 10, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Unto You, O God, we lift our praise.
Your ways are marvelous, and we seek to walk in Your path.
This day gives us the chance to honor You,
To share with others Your never-ending love.
(Extemporaneous prayer)

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

[Glory to Glory to Glory](#) [Glory and Honor](#)

[Alpha and Omega](#) [Worthy, Worthy](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creator of all humanity, we call You Holy and seek to worship You all the days of our lives. May the bread that we need for today be made available for us and for all who are hungry. Help us to listen, hear, and receive Your word as it is read and spoken today. Help us to lose ourselves to You and Your kingdom and to find who we truly are as we walk in Your light. In Jesus name we pray, **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 32:1-7 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word

(Quiet Reflection)

WORSHIP IN SONG: Hymn of the Month

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 13:1-10 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:1-20 (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

Psalm 103:8-13

Unto that compassionate God, let us humbly confess our sins:
(Quiet confession)

We, in our human frailty, have a hard time understanding Your steadfast love, O God. We confess that too often our love comes with strings attached and is based on what can be gained rather than sharing it. We, in our human frailty, have a hard time understanding how You can be so slow to anger when ours comes so easily. Gracious God, forgive our lack of steadfastness, forgive our shortsightedness, and forgive our unfaithfulness. Guide us to walk in your ways, to sing your praise, and to share your love freely. (cont'd on the next page)

REPENT, RELEASE, REPEAT

Psalm 32:1-7 (NASB95)

10 September 2023

Pastor Adam Robidou

Do It Yourself

By Oswald Chambers

...casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God... —2 Corinthians 10:5

Determinedly Demolish Some Things. Deliverance from sin is not the same as deliverance from human nature. There are things in human nature, such as prejudices, that the saint can only destroy through sheer neglect. But there are other things that have to be destroyed through violence, that is, through God’s divine strength imparted by His Spirit. There are some things over which we are not to fight, but only to “stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord...” (see Exodus 14:13). But every theory or thought that raises itself up as a fortified barrier “against the knowledge of God” is to be determinedly demolished by drawing on God’s power, not through human effort or by compromise (see 2 Corinthians 10:4).

It is only when God has transformed our nature and we have entered into the experience of sanctification that the fight begins. The warfare is not against sin; we can never fight against sin—Jesus Christ conquered that in His redemption of us. The conflict is waged over turning our natural life into a spiritual life. This is never done easily, nor does God intend that it be so. It is accomplished only through a series of moral choices. God does not make us holy in the sense that He makes our character holy. He makes us holy in the sense that He has made us innocent before Him. And then we have to turn that innocence into holy character through the moral choices we make. These choices are continually opposed and hostile to the things of our natural life which have become so deeply entrenched— the very things that raise themselves up as fortified barriers “against the knowledge of God.” We can either turn back, making ourselves of no value to the kingdom of God, or we can determinedly demolish these things, allowing Jesus to bring another son to glory (see Hebrews 2:10).