

We thank you, that your love for each of us is not based on our faithfulness but rather on Your steadfast love. My friends, know that if you have repented of your sins and surrendered your life to Jesus, that your sins are forgiven. Go therefore and walk in the light of the Lord, and give praise to Him.

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

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



Our monthly leadership meeting will be today immediately following our

worship service. Please remember to bring ideas for outreach events we can conduct/host during the second & third quarters of 2024. The goal is to host events that are unique to FCM and convey our purpose statement.

October Love Feast: Next Sunday, we look forward to the meal & testimony time following corporate worship. Covenant Partners, please sign up for what you are bringing if you haven't already.

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer

MO US Congressman District 3- Blaine Luetkemeyer
MO US Congresswoman District 2- Ann Wagner
11th Judicial Court Circuit Judge Div. 5- W. Chris McDonough



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 fulfil our purpose, for the glory of God.

Mailing address:

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St. Charles, MO 63302
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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 24, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

I will bless The Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul will make its boast in the Lord; the humble will hear it and rejoice. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. (Prayer) Father in heaven, we thank you for giving us another opportunity to come together and worship you. Inhabit our praise Lord God, You are welcome in this place. **Amen**

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

[Blessed Be the Name of The Lord](#)

[I Will Bless the Lord at All Times](#) [Blessed Be Your Name](#)

[Bless His Holy Name](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, you have revealed your nature and purposes through the scriptures and in Christ, the living Word. Open our hearts and minds by the activity of your Spirit. that we may grow in knowledge and faith; and be encouraged as we walk in the way of Jesus. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 55:6-9 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 27:1-9 (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: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20:1-16 (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 our love often comes with strings attached and is based on what can be gained rather than shared. We find it hard to understanding how You can be so slow to anger when our anger comes so quickly. Gracious God, please forgive us for 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)

The Dilemma of Obedience

By Oswald Chambers

My Utmost for His Highest

God never speaks to us in startling ways, but in ways that are easy to misunderstand, and we say, “I wonder if that is God’s voice?” Isaiah said that the Lord spoke to him “with a strong hand,” that is, by the pressure of circumstances. Nothing touches our lives, but it is God Himself speaking. Do we discern His hand or only mere occurrence?

Get into the habit of saying, “Speak, Lord,” and life will become a romance. Every time circumstances press, say, “Speak, Lord”; make time to listen. Chastening is more than a means of discipline, it is meant to get me to the place of saying, “Speak, Lord.” Recall the time when God did speak to you. Have you forgotten what He said? Was it Luke 11:13, or was it 1 Thessalonians 5:23? As we listen, our ear gets acute, and, like Jesus, we shall hear God all the time.

Shall I tell my “Eli” what God has shown to me? That is where the dilemma of obedience comes in. We disobey God by becoming amateur providences — I must shield “Eli,” the best people we know. God did not tell Samuel to tell Eli; he had to decide that for himself. God’s call to you may hurt your “Eli”; but if you try to prevent the suffering in another life, it will prove an obstruction between your soul and God. It is at your own peril that you prevent the cutting off of the right hand or the plucking out of the eye.

Never ask the advice of another about anything God makes you decide before Him. If you ask advice, you will nearly always side with Satan: “Immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood.”