

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, remembering your call and responsibility to walk in righteousness, and that God's grace empowers you to do all these things, in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

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

### Announcements

Our corporate fasting and prayer time will begin this Thursday October 26th and end Sunday October 29th. Check the church family page of our website for information on our prayer focus.



Our Leadership meeting will be next Sunday October 29th immediately

following our worship gathering. All covenant partners should plan on attending.

Please make sure you have signed up with what dish you are bringing to our November 5<sup>th</sup> Agape meal. We're looking forward to hearing how God is moving as you share your glory sightings!!

### Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer

Speaker of the House- Patrick McHenry (temporary)  
MO State House of Rep District 63- Tricia Byrnes  
11th Judicial Court Assoc. Circuit Judge Div. 9- Jeffrey Sandcork



## FAITH COVENANT MINISTRIES

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[faithcovenantstl.com](http://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, October 22, 2023

## Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

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

### OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless His Holy Name. Sing His praises and exalt Him forever. O people of God bless the Lord.

(Prayer) As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of Your presence O God, set our hearts on fire with love for You now and forever. **Amen**

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

[Everyday](#)      [Build My Life](#)      [My Life is in You](#)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, You have written this Word by Your Holy Spirit, and You have given it to us today for our benefit. Now speak clearly through this Word, and through Your servant who proclaims it, and cause our ears to be open that we may hear what You have to say to us, and cause our hearts to be responsive so that we may obey You. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 45:1-7 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

**Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word**

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 96:1-9 (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

I Must Tell Jesus | View the lyrics [here](#)

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15-22 (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

With full assurance of God's grace, let us confess our sins.

**Gracious God, we confess that we often fail to seek after You and instead use our inclinations to guide our lives. You have shown us countless times that you are here for us, yet we are slow to trust. We ignore Your goodness to turn to worldly providers and hope things will work out. We resort to vices and devices to numb our pain, but the pain still exists. We do not allow ourselves to be filled with the Spirit who empowers us to live as Your people.**

**We are sorry for our sins. We turn away from them now and turn towards you. Help us, O God, to place all of our hope, dreams, fears, plans, and doubts in your capable hands. For the sake of Your Son Jesus, who died for us; forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By Your Holy Spirit, enable us to seek after the mind of Christ our Lord.**

Hear the comforting words of our Lord found in John 8:11: Your sins are forgiven, go and sin no more.

## Sermon Application



1. **Do a Belief check. Do you believe the word of God? Do you believe the word of God is error free (inerrant). Do you believe God's word is relevant for today? Do you believe Jesus is the son of God and only way to the father? Have you confessed and accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord? Romans 10: 9 "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved".**



2. **Do a Heart check. What happens inside when the word is given? What does your heart, mind, emotions, experiences say to you about what God has said? Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? 10 "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve".**



3. **Do an Ear Check. Are you hearing with your eyes and what it looks like? Or, listening in belief in the word of God? James 1:22. "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says".**



4. **Do a Light check. Do you let the light of God's word shine in every dark place, every place of understanding, every preference, every situation, everything and correct you? Psalm 119:105. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path".**

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## Commune

Acts 2: \*42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching (those specifically chosen by Christ to carry His teachings to the world) and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

\*Commune= To share life together by but not limited to: talking together, to be in company with another, associate with, and to stay with.

1A. Commune with God, By Being Devoted (V. 42).

\*Devoted=Exclusive dedication. To direct my attention to.

\*The Greek word 'euparedros' which means to sit near and constantly be in attendant.

\*\*Communing with God through devotion brought about 'Awe' with wonders and signs performed by the Apostles. (V43)

2A. Commune with God, By Prayer (V 42).

\*1 Thessalonians 5:17. "pray continually. \*Ephesians 6:18- All Prayers.

3A. Commune with God, By Knowing It All Belongs to God. (V. 45).

4A. Commune with God, By Praising God (V47).

\*Praise is a Command. (Psalm 100).

B1. Commune with one another Through Fellowship (V42).

B2. Commune with one another, By Gathering Together (V 46).

B3Commune with one another Through Sharing Meals (V 46)

B4. Commune with one another, Through Being Together and Having Everything in Common (V. 44)

C1. As a result of communing together, the apostles received the favor of all people (V. 47)

C2. As a result of communing together, God added more daily, to those that were saved. (v. 47)