

Let us reflect upon our lives and then confess our sins individually in prayer before Almighty God.

(quiet confession)

Most Merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not obeyed the Greatest Commandment, to love You with all my heart; and my neighbor as myself. I have not always been quick to look to you in time of need, or to share the Gospel with others. Sometimes it is my kingdom and my ministry that I seek to build instead of Yours. I have also been guilty of these sins (Confession of other sins). I am truly sorry and I humbly repent.

(The Lord's Prayer)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (liturgy on screen)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be always with you.

And also, with You

NICENE CREED: (liturgy on screen)

BLESSING AND SENDING

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer this week:

Secretary of Housing & Urban Development – Marcia Fudge
Missouri Dept of Transportation Director – Patrick McKenna
St Charles County Human Resources Mgr. – Samantha Shadrach
St Charles Co Parks & Rec Director Maralee Britton

Febuary Leadership Meeting: Do not forget about the Leadership Meeting immediately following this morning's worship gathering.



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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, February 25, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, let us shout joyfully to Him in psalms.

- Psalm 95:1-3 NASB95)

Lord, we come to you this morning with a grateful heart. You didn't have to wake us up, but you did. Lord, you are welcome in this place of worship, not just the building, but in our hearts. Father as we worship you in song, pour out Your Spirit so that we may be filled. We pray for those who are spiritually empty and troubled, but don't know where to turn; who long for purpose and meaning, but don't know where to look; who need You, but do not yet know you. Change us, oh God so we can be more like you. In the name of Jesus we pray, **Amen**.

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

[Open Up the Heavens](#) [Open the Eyes of My Heart](#)

[Open Our Eyes Lord](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us today, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Open our hearts and minds to receive the gift of love, hope, and salvation that you have so freely given to us. May the scriptures read today give us the strength that we need to continue to trust you as we move forward to do your will. In Jesus we pray, **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 28:1-17 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 32 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH

[Love Lifted Me](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 10:1-4, 10-14 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

PASTORAL GREETING

GOSPEL READING: John 1:35-51 (NASB95)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ!

(following the reading)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You Lord Christ

SERMON: <https://www.facebook.com/fcmstl>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

(Prayer on the next page)

Sermon Series on The Gospel of John

25 February 2024

Message 7: The Beginning of Jesus’s Ministry–John 1:35-51 (NAS95)

Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

1. John the Baptist had _____ (v. 35).

2. John’s priority was Jesus’s _____, not his own (vss. 36-37).

- It is a relationship with _____, not John the Baptist that results in the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.
- A sign that a person or a ministry is devoted to Jesus’s ministry and not their own, is evident in how freely they _____ and how lovingly they _____ and _____ to those who following Jesus are called to _____ from them.

Reflection Questions:

- I. Are you serving to enlarge Jesus’s ministry and his following, or your own; and how can you tell the difference?
- II. Are you introducing people to Jesus and getting out of the way or are you only referring to Jesus, while standing in the

way? How might you unintentionally be in the way, and what steps do you need to take to move?

III. How do you treat people when they leave the same congregation that you are in a covenant relationship with? What are the root causes for this and what might this say about your commitment to Jesus’s ministry? What will you do differently because of what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you about this?

3. Jesus wanted disciples to _____ to him (vss. 38-39).

- Jesus could have simply told them the _____, but that, provides no _____ they would be there.

Reflection Questions: What are you seeking from God today? Why are you seeking after these things? From whom are you seeking them? (Can you honestly say God and not someone else?) What will happen if you do not find/receive what you are seeking? How are these questions impacting what and how you will seek in the future?
