

By faith in Jesus Christ, we receive it now. And we praise you for this sacred gift, and for making a place for us in the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.

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

APOSTLES CREED (liturgy on screen)

BLESSING AND SENDING

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer this week:

Secretary of Energy – Jennifer Granholm

State Board of Education – Kimberly Bailey

– Donald Claycomb

St. Charles Co. Facilities Management Dir – Christine Ramsdell

St. Charles Co. Director of Admin – Joann Leykam

Announcements

March Leadership Meeting: Covenant Partners, please plan on attending our monthly meeting next Sunday March 24th immediately following our worship gathering.

Corporate Fasting: Our corporate fasting and prayer time will begin Thursday March 28th and conclude with Holy Communion on Easter Sunday March 31st. Information will be available soon on the Church Family page of the website.

2024 Bible Reading Plan: It's not too late to get started! Visit the Church Family page of our website for plans.

2024 Church Theme: Remember our church theme for 2024: *Proclaim, Persuade, & Pray* (a.k.a. the 3P's). Make sure you are sharing the names with your discipleship group members and adding the new names weekly to your group's report.



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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Office Hours

By Appointment only

Weekly Corporate Gatherings:

Sunday Worship Service- 10:00 AM

Weekly Discipleship Groups (times vary per group)

Staff:

Rev. Michael Hammond, Sr. - President & Senior Pastor

Rose Hammond- Receptionist

Order of Worship
Sunday, March 17, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Behold, the Lord has made a new covenant with us. Our hearts and minds will be renewed and restored. Rejoice and be glad for now we will know and see God's awesome power more clearly.

Prayer – As Your family, we gather here today not because we have to, but because we want to. We are here to offer our worship, our prayers, and our lives in service to You. May it be pleasing in Your sight. Speak to us today in song, in the reading and preaching of Your Word. In Jesus name we pray, **Amen**.

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

[Everyday](#)

[Build My Life](#)

[Lord, I Give You My Heart](#) [When I Look into Your Holiness](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, by the presence of Your Holy Spirit, bless this our proclamation of Your Word. May we receive the gift of Your grace and share it with those who we will meet on this journey to which we are called. Speak to us today, for we Your servants, are listening. In Jesus name, we pray, and all agree by saying **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 12:1-28 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 69:1-13 (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

[Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

GOSPEL READING: John 2:12-22 (NASB95)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise 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

Let us confess our sins before Almighty God. (Quiet confession)
(Let us pray.) **Merciful God, we confess that our thoughts and actions prove that we do not always believe the Scriptures. We do not always obediently respond to the things the Holy Spirit speaks to us. We acknowledge that there are things we need to clear out of our lives, but we have failed to take action.**

Heaven is a place filled with all diversities of people, yet we are guilty of not extending ourselves to those most unlike us. Father, forgive us for these sins, and for all the others we have confessed today. We ask for this not based on our own merits, but because of the sacrifice of your Son, and our identification with him. (Continued on the next page)

The Gospel of John Series

Message 9: Jesus Cleanin' House

Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

17 March 2024

John 2:13-22 (NAS95)

The Servant's Primary Goal

By Oswald Chambers

We make it our aim...to be well pleasing to Him.

2 Corinthians 5:9

“We make it our aim....” It requires a conscious decision and effort to keep our primary goal constantly in front of us. It means holding ourselves to the highest priority year in and year out; not making our first priority to win souls, or to establish churches, or to have revivals, but seeking only “to be well pleasing to Him.” It is not a lack of spiritual experience that leads to failure, but a lack of working to keep our eyes focused and on the right goal. At least once a week examine yourself before God to see if your life is measuring up to the standard He has for you. Paul was like a musician who gives no thought to audience approval, if he can only catch a look of approval from his Conductor.

Any goal we have that diverts us even to the slightest degree from the central goal of being “approved to God” (2 Timothy 2:15) may result in our rejection from further service for Him. When you discern where the goal leads, you will understand why it is so necessary to keep “looking unto Jesus” (Hebrews 12:2). Paul spoke of the importance of controlling his own body so that it would not take him in the wrong direction. He said, “I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest...I myself should become disqualified” (1 Corinthians 9:27).

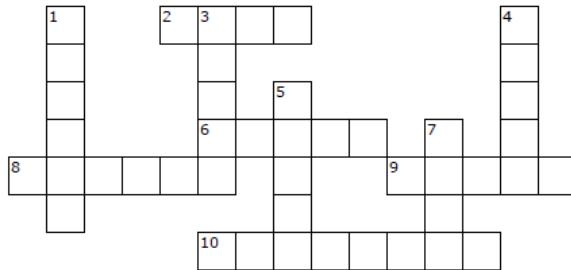
I must learn to relate everything to the primary goal, maintaining it without interruption. My worth to God publicly is measured by what I really am in my private life. Is my primary goal in life to please Him and to be acceptable to Him, or is it something less, no matter how lofty it may sound?

1. Repent, and _____ the Scriptures and the words Jesus spoke.

2. Clean out your own _____ (Spiritually, mentally/emotionally, physically).

3. Invite those into the house and into the family of God who are _____ like you.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. A strip of leather or cord fastened to a handle
6. An animal raised for its wool
8. A building dedicated to the worship of God
9. Coins or bills used to pay for something
10. A Jewish holiday celebrating being freed from slavery in Egypt

DOWN

1. A place where people gather to buy and sell things
3. A building where a family lives
4. A piece of furniture with a smooth, flat surface and four legs
5. The Son of God
7. A small, wild pigeon

WHIP	MARKET	PASSOVER	SHEEP	TEMPLE
HOUSE	TABLE	MONEY	JESUS	DOVE



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Children's Worship Bulletin

Cleaning House

John 2:13-16

Word Search Puzzle

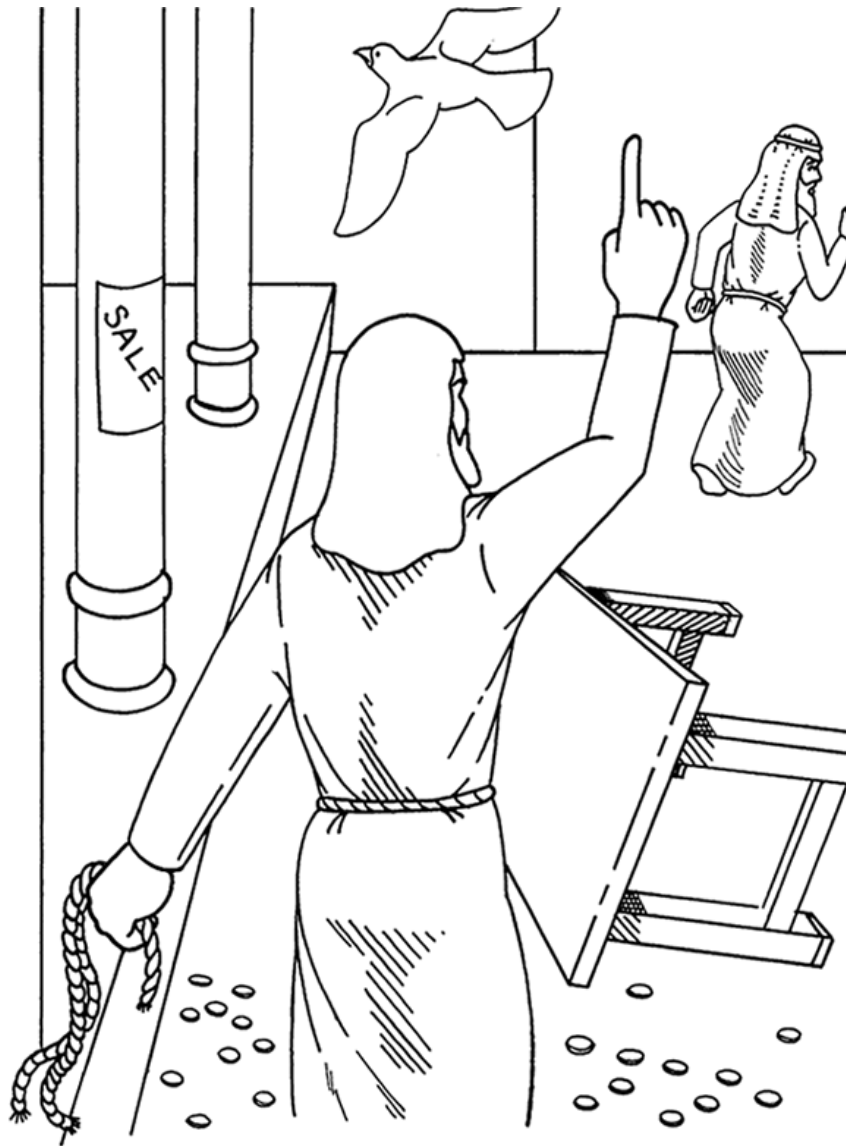
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DROVE	SCATTERED	JERUSALEM	PASSOVER	SITTING
TEMPLE	COURTS	DOVES	SHEEP	CATTLE
TIME	MARKET	CHANGERS	JEWISH	MONEY
SELLING	HOUSE	TABLES	WHIP	CORDS

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Multiple Choice



"Jesus cleanses the temple." John 2:13-22

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Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Check your answers in John 2:13-16 (NIV)

- ___ 1. The Son of God
A. Jerusalem B. Passover C. Dove D. Jesus
- ___ 2. A place where people gather to buy and sell things
A. temple B. house C. market D. court
- ___ 3. A small, wild pigeon
A. cattle B. sheep C. dove D. chicken
- ___ 4. A piece of furniture with a smooth, flat surface and four legs
A. table B. chair C. whip D. bed
- ___ 5. Coins or bills used to pay for something
A. money B. cattle C. sheep D. dove
- ___ 6. A building dedicated to the worship of God
A. temple B. market C. table D. courts
- ___ 7. An animal raised for its wool
A. dove B. cattle C. whip D. sheep
- ___ 8. A strip of leather or cord fastened to a handle
A. table B. whip C. money D. dove
- ___ 9. A Jewish holiday celebrating being freed from slavery in Egypt
A. Christmas B. Easter C. Passover D. Thanksgiving
- ___ 10. A building where a family lives
A. market B. house C. temple D. tent

