#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Let us confess our sins together to Almighty God.

(Quiet confession and repentance)

Father, we have confessed and repented of our sin. We ask for your forgiveness, and give you glory through the words Jesus taught his disciples saying (The Lord's Prayer)

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

And also, with You

HOLY COMMUNION (liturgy on screen)

Invitation to the Feast

Prayer of Consecration

Institution and Memorial

The Distribution

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER & SENDING

Authorities we want to remember specifically in praver this week: Secretary of Treasury- Janet Yellen MO Dept of Public Safety-Sandy Karsten MO Dept of Corrections- Trevor Foley State Board of Education Commissioner- Dr. Margie Vandeven



He is Risen



# FAITH COVENANT MINISTRIES

#### LOVE LIFE LORDSHIP LEADERSHIP

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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.

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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, March 31st, 2024

#### **Resurrection of Our Lord**

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

#### **OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER**

This day dawns brightly! Hope is restored! Christ is Risen!! He has conquered death!! Come, open your hearts and spirits to the joyous Good News!! Let us celebrate the greatest victory of all time. Christ is Risen!!!! Amen!!!

(prayer) Loving, powerful God, joy floods over our souls on this day!! Christ is risen!! Fear is vanquished!! Open our hearts and our spirits to receive fully the joy which has been given for us!! Let us celebrate the victory of Christ and the hope for the future!! In Jesus name we pray and we all agree by saying, **Amen**.

<u>WORSHIP IN SONG</u> (click the song title for a YouTube track)

At the Cross Worthy is the Lamb For God so Loved the World

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord our God, You have commanded the light to shine out of darkness. You have brought us again into this time of prayer to illuminate our hearts and minds so that we might be brought closer to You and to each other. Open us to the power of Your resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this day, that we too might rise to new life in You. In Jesus name (we pray and we all agree by saying), **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE READING: Numbers 21:4-9 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

WORSHIP IN SONG: Speak to Me Lord (2004 Broken Vessel Music)

Speak to me Lord All I need is You I open my heart Prepared to follow You

#### SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 118:15-29 (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

**<u>Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It</u>** | View the lyrics <u>here</u>

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 7:1-6 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

#### Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

GOSPEL READING: John 3:1-16 (NAS95)

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

#### Sermon Series on The Gospel of John 31 March 2024

Message 11: John 3:1-16 (NAS95) Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

#### Holiness or Hardness Toward God? By Oswald Chambers

#### He...wondered that there was no intercessor... —Isaiah 59:16

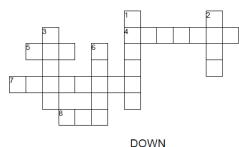
The reason many of us stop praying and become hard toward God is that we only have an emotional interest in prayer. It sounds good to say that we pray, and we read books on prayer which tell us that prayer is beneficial— that our minds are quieted and our souls are uplifted when we pray. But Isaiah implied in this verse that God is amazed at such thoughts about prayer.

Worship and intercession must go together; one is impossible without the other. Intercession means raising ourselves up to the point of getting the mind of Christ regarding the person for whom we are praying (see <u>Philippians 2:5</u>). Instead of worshiping God, we recite speeches to God about how prayer is supposed to work. Are we worshiping God or disputing Him when we say, "But God, I just don't see how you are going to do this"? This is a sure sign that we are not worshiping. When we lose sight of God, we become hard and dogmatic. We throw our petitions at His throne and dictate to Him what we want Him to do. We don't worship God, nor do we seek to conform our minds to the mind of Christ. And if we are hard toward God, we will become hard toward other people.

Are we worshiping God in a way that will raise us up to where we can take hold of Him, having such intimate contact with Him that we know His mind about the ones for whom we pray? Are we living in a holy relationship with God, or have we become hard and dogmatic?

Do you find yourself thinking that there is no one interceding properly? Then be that person yourself. Be a person who worships God and lives in a holy relationship with Him. Get involved in the real work of intercession, remembering that it truly is work— work that demands all your energy, but work which has no hidden pitfalls. Preaching the gospel has its share of pitfalls, but intercessory prayer has none whatsoever.

# Grossword Puzzle



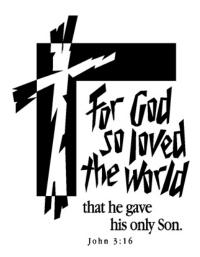
#### ACROSS

- 4. Lasting forever; without end
- 5. Male offspring
- 7. Accept something as being true, genuine, or real
- 8. The creator of heaven and earth

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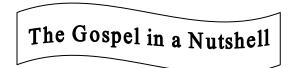
- 1. To die or be destroyed
- 2. To rescue from danger or harm
- 3. The earth with its inhabitants and everything on it
- 6. Cared very deeply for someone

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# Children's Worship Bulletin



John 3:16



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