

WORDS OF COMFORT & AFFIRMATION

May you believe that Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him. May you believe His promise. Believe you have been pardoned and delivered from sin. And may God confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be always with you.
And also, with You

CORPORATE DECLARATION OF UNITY: FCM Purpose Statement

BLESSING AND SENDING

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer this week:

Chief of Staff of the Air Force – General David W. Allvin
Asst. Adjutant Gen. MO Air Natl Guard – Brig. Gen. Patrick Lanaghan
Chief of Staff MO Air Natl Guard – vacant
City of St Peters Police Chief – Andy Ramirez
St Charles County Counselor – Rory O’Sullivan (acting)

ANNOUCEMENTS



SAVE THE DATE Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration is \$15. Early bird registration received by May 21st is \$10. Registration includes continental breakfast and session materials. For more information and to sign up, go to:

<https://www.faithcovenantstl.com/events/>



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:

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, April 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

When we lift our hands in praise and worship, we break spiritual jars of perfume over Jesus. The fragrance of our praise fills the whole earth and touches the heart of God. It's not the art, it's the heart.

(Prayer) Here we are Lord, Your people, Your church meeting together in Your presence. We welcome each other and we welcome You. Make yourself known to us in new ways through our worship, our prayers, and our understanding of Your Word. Amen

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

[Lord I Lift Your Name on High](#) [Revelation Song](#)

[Victory Belongs to Jesus](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of Your risen Word. Fill our hearts by Your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim, the good news of eternal and abundant life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In Jesus name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 53 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 52

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH

[Great is Thy Faithfulness](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 5:1-20

Leader: This is the Word of God

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word

GOSPEL READING: John 3:16-21 (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>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

These are our sins:

(quiet confession of sins)

God, we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Sermon Series on The Gospel of John

21 April 2024

Message 13: The Gift of Love –John 3:16-21 (NIV)

Dr. Yakubu Jakada

The Collision of God and Sin

By Oswald Chambers

“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness. — 1 Peter 2:24

There is nothing more certain in time or eternity than what Jesus Christ did upon the cross. He made redemption the basis of human life, restoring the whole of humanity to a right relationship with God. The cross of Jesus stands unique and alone. It is not the cross of a man or a woman; it is the cross of God, the exhibition of his nature. No parallel to it exists in human experience.

The cross was a superb triumph. It was the revelation of God’s judgment on sin; it shook the foundations of hell. Never tolerate the idea that Jesus Christ went to the cross as a martyr. The cross didn’t happen to Jesus; he came on purpose for it. Jesus is “the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world” (Revelation 13:8). God became flesh in order to defeat sin, not for self-realization. The incarnation was entirely for the redemption.

The cross is the center of time and eternity, the answer to the enigmas of both. It is the gateway by which any member of humanity can enter into union with God—yet when we get to the cross we do not pass through it. Rather, we abide in the life it has made possible for us, a life of communion with God.

The center of salvation is the cross of Jesus, and the reason it is so easy to obtain salvation is because it cost God so much. The cross is the point where God and sinful humanity merge with a crash and the way to life is opened—but the crash is on the heart of God.