Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from the evil one.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.

#### 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:

Chief of Naval Operations- Admiral Lisa Franchetti Deputy Adjutant General MO National Guard - Brigadier General Robert Payne

Assistant Adjutant General MO Army Natl Guard-

Brigadier General Matthew M. Bacon

Brigadier General James Schreffler

St. Charles Central County Fire & Rescue Chief- Gary Donovan



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:

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# **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.

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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, April 14, 2024

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

#### OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Welcome! Run with us toward the place of Sorrow! Jesus is not there! Christ is risen! Shout the good news! Sing, praise God, for the promise has been fulfilled. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

(PRAYER) Loving, Powerful God, joy floods over our souls on this day! Christ is risen! Fear is vanquished! Open our hearts and 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! Amen

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

Glory and Honor I Thank God Jesus Messiah

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. In the midst of the multitude of words in our daily lives, speak your eternal Word to us, that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithfulness, service, and love. **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 15:22-27 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 103

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 <u>here</u>

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36-49 (NAS95)

<u>Reader</u>: Will you please stand with me for the reading of the Gospel?

(Luke 24:36-49 from the NASB Bible)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise to You Lord Christ** 

(Please remain standing for the reading of today's sermon text)

**SERMON**: *Unbounded: Releasing God's Healing* 

- Pastor Dr. Tony Evans

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Let us confess our sins together to Almighty God.

(Quiet confession and repentance)

Lord God, in James 5:16 you tell us to confess our sins to one another and pray for one another so that we may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous person can accomplish much. So, with our faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and in accordance with your word, we have confessed and repented of our sin. We now ask for your forgiveness, and give you glory through the words Jesus taught his disciples to pray, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven. (Prayer is continued on next page)

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### Ask If You Have Not Received

#### **By Oswald Chambers**

There is nothing more difficult than to ask. We desire and crave and suffer, but only when we've reached our absolute limit do we ask. What finally makes us ask God for the Holy Spirit is a sense of unreality. We sense that we are not spiritually real and that we cannot become spiritually real on our own. When this happens, when we glimpse our powerlessness, we must ask God for the Spirit, basing our request on the words of Jesus: "How much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him" (Luke 11:13). The Holy Spirit is the one who makes real in us all that Jesus did on our behalf.

"For everyone who asks receives." This doesn't mean that if we don't ask, we'll get nothing; God "causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good" alike (Matthew 5:45). But until we ask, we won't receive from God directly. To receive from God directly means that we have come into a specific relationship with him—we have become his children— and now we perceive, with moral appreciation and spiritual under- standing, that all things come from him.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God" (James 1:5). If you realize you lack wisdom, it is because you've come into contact with spiritual reality, and your eyes have been opened. Don't put on the blinders of reasonableness again. Don't listen when people say, "Be reasonable; preach the simple gospel. Don't tell us we have to be holy, because that makes us feel abjectly poor."

If we are abjectly poor, we are in the right condition for asking. "Ask" means "beg." We must ask out of poverty. If instead we ask out of greed, we'll never receive. We must ask because we know that, without God, we have nothing. A pauper isn't ashamed to beg. Paupers beg because they are poor; there is no other reason. Blessed are the paupers in spirit (Matthew 5:3).