

## 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)

## BLESSING AND SENDING

### Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer this week:

US Supreme Court Chief Justice- John G. Roberts Jr.  
MO Supreme Court Chief Justice- Mary Rhodes Russell  
St. Charles County Municipal Judge- Joel Brett  
MO Commissioner of Education- Dr. Margie Vandeven

## ANNOUCEMENTS

**Love Feast:** Our monthly Agape Feast will be today immediately following our worship gathering. Visitors are welcome to join us!

**Discipleship Group Reports:** Group leaders, please make sure updates are entered in your report online. They are due today.

**Schedule change:** There will be no in person worship gathering on Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>.



### **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 the Events link on our  
website. Tell a friend!



## **FAITH COVENANT MINISTRIES**

LOVE | LIFE | LORDSHIP | LEADERSHIP

[faithcovenantstl.com](http://faithcovenantstl.com)

### 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, May 5, 2024

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

(Congregation responses spoken together appear in bold print.)

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sounds of the horn, make a joyful noise before the King, sing to Him a new song, for He has done marvelous things.

(Prayer) Loving God, we enter this space today with grateful hearts and songs of praise. We know that You are a Wonderful Counselor and Mighty God, the Everlasting One and Proclaimer of Peace. Guard our hearts and minds from the distractions of the day. Guide us in this time of worship to center our lives in You, to remember Your great love for us. All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

[I Came to Magnify the Lord](#)     [All Hail](#)  
[Above All](#)     [The Anthem](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, come to us in the reading of Your Word. Open us to the Spirit's presence in our hearts so that our lives may be a vessel for Your truth bringing hope to the world. In Jesus Name we pray and we all agree by saying, **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 62:1-12 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

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

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 98 (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

[At Calvary](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 5:22-32 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God

**Congregation: Thank you, Lord for your Holy Word**

(Quiet Reflection)

GOSPEL READING: John 3:22-36 (NAS95)

(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.**

5 May 2024

John 3:22-36 (NASB95)

Pastor Michael Hammond Sr.

## **Judgment through Love**

By Oswald Chambers

*For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household.*

— 1 Peter 4:17

The Christian disciple must never forget that salvation is God's thought, not humanity's; it is something we can never hope to fathom. Salvation is not an experience. Experience is merely the gateway by which we become conscious of our salvation. Never preach the experience; preach the great thought of God.

When we preach, we aren't proclaiming how humanity can be saved from hell and be made moral and pure; we are conveying good news about God. Our role as preachers is to present his truth, not to give sympathy. We are never to sympathize with a soul who finds it difficult to get to God. God isn't to blame, nor is it for us to find out the reason for the difficulty. We are simply to deliver his truth, so that his Spirit can show what's wrong. The gold standard of preaching is that it brings all who hear to judgment in the Spirit.

The Spirit reveals each soul to itself.

In the teachings of Jesus Christ, the element of judgment is always prevalent. God's judgment is the sign of his love, an overflowing mercy that separates right from wrong. If the salvation of Jesus Christ is alive and active inside us, it always takes the form of a judgment, one that brings an understanding of God's justice, even in his severest statements.

Do you find the requirements of Jesus severe? If our Lord ever gave a command he couldn't enable us to fulfill, he would be a liar. When we make our inability a barrier to obedience, we are telling God there is something he hasn't taken into account. We can do nothing through our own abilities; we must allow the power of God to slay every ounce of self-reliance. Complete weakness and dependence will allow the Spirit of God to manifest his power.