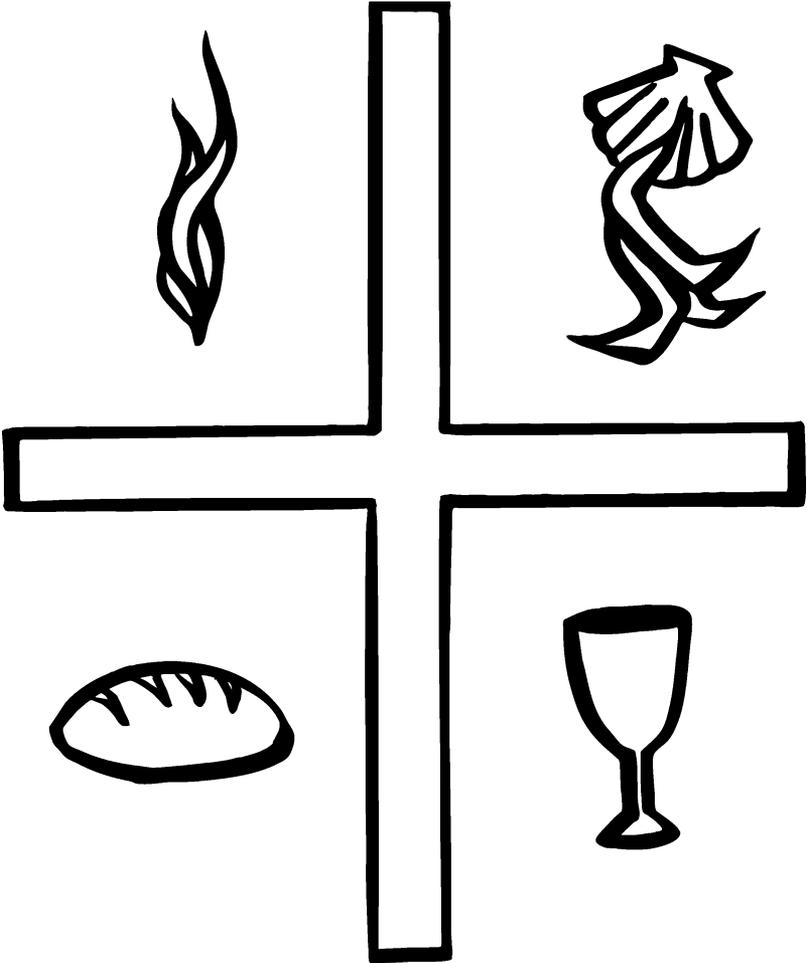


Welcome to Worship at
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Growing Together for Christ
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May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

This week we will be worshipping in-person and on-line through Zoom and Facebook. There will be a link on our website to watch on Zoom, or you can watch the live-stream on Facebook! Stay safe and God bless!

Gathering

Welcome/Greeting/Announcements

Call to Worship

We come to this place of prayer,

for here we can bring our hopes and dreams, our hidden fears and the doubts we dare wear on our sleeves.

We come to this place of grace,

for here we learn compassion and joy, and discover how deeply we are loved.

We come with these people called the church,

to be blessed by the variety of gifts, to live as one for our God.

Gathering Songs

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Prayer of the Day

Word

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34 (NRSV)

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be

saved, you and your household.” ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 97 (NRSV)

¹The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

²**Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

³Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side.

⁴**His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶**The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.**

⁷All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O God.**

⁹For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰**The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!**

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 (NRSV)

¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26 (NRSV)

²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these...

This is the gospel of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Message

Prayers of Intercession

Meal

Offering/Offering Song

Friends, while our programs and in-person worship are temporarily modified, our responsibilities for our regular bills (mortgage, utilities, payroll, etc.) continue. Please send your gifts to the church office: 5050 N. Johnsburg Rd., Johnsburg, IL 60051 or you may give online at www.joyfulharvest.org.

Call to Reconciliation

Plastic cards, shiny cars, brick and glass homes - what idols we fashion with our hands, how much energy and time serving them occupies our hearts! Let us confess how we have misplaced our priorities and seek the One who asks us to be first in our lives.

Enslaved to sin, we cannot see the lives we lead, God of Glory. Each day, and every day, there are those times when we ignore you and your dreams for us. Each week, and every week, we find the time to ridicule others, when we could have affirmed them. Each moment, and every moment, though we do not want to admit it, we seek our own way rather than skipping down your path of joy and obedience. We come now asking forgiveness for our foolish lives, Eternal Blessing. Deliver us and break the chains of sin and death which hold us captive. Open us to that grace you offer, and give us the gift of the Spirit so that we may live as people of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Silence is observed...

In the beginning was God, and at the end will be God, and in every moment in between, there is God: creating, redeeming, and sustaining us.

And through Christ, gracious love is poured into our empty souls; through the Spirit, peace becomes the gift we can share with those around us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Lord's Supper

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 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 evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Communion Song

Sending

Sending Song

Sending and Benediction

We leave this place of prayer,
to join God in listening to the hopes and dreams, the hidden fears and the doubts of our neighbors.

We leave this place of grace,
to share the compassion and joy of Jesus with others, so they will discover

how deeply they are loved.

We leave to be with the people of our world,
so the Spirit might bless us with their rich gifts, so we may discover our oneness in God.

Commissioning

At Joyful Harvest Church, **our mission is growing together for Christ.**
As disciples of Jesus Christ, we value: **Family Worship, Relying on Prayer, Unity in Christ, Instruction in the Word, Telling Others, and Service to God's Community.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Order of service may change to accommodate the Holy Spirit...

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Announcements

Cross Keys Village Stampers: Cut used postage stamps from the mail you receive at home, bring it to the church and we'll make sure the Cross Keys folks receive them!

Men's Group: We are currently meeting **in-person and online Saturday mornings @ 7 a.m.** to learn more about God's call on our lives. All men are invited to attend.

Live-Streaming and In-Person Monday Evening Bible Study! We've finished our Bible Study for now, but will be starting up again in September! Keep watching for more information!

Donate for Tijuana Mission Project! - Toys and school supplies! When our volunteers go to Tijuana this year, they would like to take some items that the kids can use. *If you should see a backpack on sale for the kids, we can fill it with school supplies. Soccer balls or footballs can be deflated and taken. Jump ropes, small toys, t-shirts for kids would be good, too.* There is a box in the narthex for donations. *Thanks so much for your generosity.* **See Ray Pratscher or Theresa Ancona for info.**

St. Jude Children's Ranch: **We are collecting greeting cards!** Please bring in the whole card Juanita will separate the front from the back. Save your used holiday and all-occasion cards, bring them to the church, and we'll ship them off to St. Jude's!

Donate to help the ministries of Joyful Harvest! Scan the QR code on the left with your mobile device. You'll go straight to our online giving page to set up a one-time or recurring gift through your debit/credit card processed through PayPal. Your generous gift will support our many outreach ministries. ***Thank you for making so much possible!***



Remember – For your online shopping, visit Joyfulharvest.org and click on Saving with Susan! It helps support our ministries at Joyful Harvest!

Tijuana Mission Trip! Going on the mission trip in November to help the homeless in Tijuana? Thinking about going on the Mission Trip? Thinking about thinking about it? Just want some more information? Just thinking about just wanting some more information? Ask Ray Pratscher or Theresa Ancona and get all your questions answered!

Weekly Calendar

Sun. May 29	Sunday Worship <u>In-Person & Live-Streaming</u>	9:00 a.m.
Mon. May 30	Memorial Day Worship	9:00 a.m.
Mon. May 30	Bible Study is on hiatus until September. Enjoy the summer!	
Tue. May 30	Breakfast Club – Granny’s in Johnsburg	8:00 a.m.
Tue. May 31	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	4:00-6:30 p.m.
Thur. Jun 02	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	4:00-6:30 p.m.
Sat. Jun 04	Men’s Group <u>In-Person & Live Streaming</u>	7:00 a.m.
Sun. Jun 05	Sunday Worship <u>In-Person & Live-Streaming</u>	9:00 a.m.



Memorial Day Remembrance Service: On Monday, May 30th we will have a service for Memorial Day @ 9:00 a.m. to remember those who have given their all so that we might enjoy the blessings of freedom. Bring a friend and remember the sacrifices made by others for you.

Next Feed My Starving Children Outing:

Saturday, July 9 11:30 a.m.

Mark your calendars and sign up TODAY!

**IN THIS CHURCH
WE LOVE***

***without any fine print!**

May 29, 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



taking 
faith
home

Jesus prays for us and for the world.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for his disciples
Monday	Acts 16:16-34	Paul and Silas in prison
Tuesday	Revelation 22:12-21	Christ is coming soon
Wednesday	Exodus 33:12-23	Moses' intercession
Thursday	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	The ministry of reconciliation
Friday	Luke 11:1-4	The Lord's Prayer
Saturday	Psalms 97	The Lord brings justice
Sunday	John 14:8-17, 25-27	Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." **John 17:20-21 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, you have come into our world and our lives to love us with the love of the Father. Heal our divisions and unite our witness to you in the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. And may there be a goodly share on every table everywhere. Amen. (Traditional German table prayer)

A Blessing to Give:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you and all the saints. (Revelation 22:21)

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What does it mean to be a follower?
- What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?
- In John 17:23, Jesus prays that his followers become one. As a follower of Jesus, what does this mean to you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 17:20-26. This concludes Jesus' farewell address to his disciples. It immediately precedes his return to a familiar garden where he will be met by Judas and the officials who will take him away to die. In the Gospel of John, those who are opposed to God are described as "the world." At the same time Jesus prays for his followers, he prays for the world so that the world may believe that Jesus' Father has sent him. Even as his own suffering and death was about to happen, he prayed for his followers and for those who would oppose him and his followers. God's work in Christ is the work of reconciliation that gives us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). Jesus prays for unity and reconciliation even while the forces of sin and destruction are closing in on him. Understanding and resolving differences will require the love of the Father and of Jesus to be in us as disciples. Jesus prays for us to have a loving and empowering relationship to God. How would you, as a follower of Jesus, describe your relationship with God? With others? *Pray: **Loving God, come to me that I may love the world as you have loved me, through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

SERVICE

In John 17:20-26, Jesus prayed that the love of God may be in his followers and that their lives as disciples would also reveal his love for others. In this passage, Jesus prayed not only for his disciples but for all future disciples. He prayed for us. Disciples serve God through acts of kindness towards all people whether rich, poor, in need, from a different background, or non-believers. How do you respond to Jesus praying for you? In what ways do you show love towards others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray in Luke 11:1-4. He taught them the Lord's Prayer, a prayer that is used during worship and one of the first prayers we, as followers, teach our children at a young age. In Luke 11:2 we pray, "Your kingdom come." After praying the Lord's Prayer, pause and think about how God's kingdom has come into your life through faith in Christ and a life lived to please God.



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Join us for worship: Sundays 9 am!