

Welcome to Worship at  
***Joyful Harvest Church***  
Growing Together for Christ  
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**July 18, 2021**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

This week we will be worshipping both in-person (socially-distanced, masked not required if fully vaccinated) 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

Neighbors and newcomers, families and strangers,  
**we gather in this place built by God's steadfast love.**

Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims almost at the end of the journey,  
**each of us seeks to follow Jesus, the compassionate One.**

Builders of bridges in fractured communities, those who stand on either  
side of walls of fear,

**the Spirit of faithfulness calls us to live as one people – God's people!**

#### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at  
the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen.

#### Gathering Songs

#### Prayer of the Day

#### Word

##### FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." <sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." <sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup>Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" <sup>8</sup>Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup>and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place,

and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14a</sup>I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

### **Responsive Reading: Psalm 89:20-37**

<sup>20</sup>I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

<sup>21</sup>**my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.**

<sup>22</sup>The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.

<sup>23</sup>**I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.**

<sup>24</sup>My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

<sup>25</sup>**I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.**

<sup>26</sup>He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'

<sup>27</sup>**I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.**

<sup>28</sup>Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.

<sup>29</sup>**I will establish his line forever, and his throne as long as the heavens endure.**

<sup>30</sup>If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my ordinances,

<sup>31</sup>**if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,**

<sup>32</sup>then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges;

<sup>33</sup>**but I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness.**

<sup>34</sup>I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

<sup>35</sup>**Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.**

<sup>36</sup>His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.

<sup>37</sup>**It shall be established forever like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies."**

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22 (NRSV)**

<sup>11</sup>Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in

his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

**GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53,56 (NRSV)**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus...

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](http://www.joyfulharvest.org).*

## Call to Reconciliation

Do we really want God to dwell within us, or are we only willing to “rent out” space for a brief visit? Our actions, our words, our silence, our fears all show the presence, or absence, of God in our lives. Let us empty ourselves of all which burdens us and welcome the One who lives with us forever. Please join me as we pray...

**Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst.**

**Forgive us, Faithful Heart. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people: there are no plastic protectors on the furniture; there are no rooms that are off-limits; and even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big peoples’ Table and be fed by your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior.**

*Silence is kept...*

Do you remember? At one time, you were without Christ; you were the stranger, the outsider, and the alien. But now, in Christ, you have been brought home, living in God's household of hope and peace.

**God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is forever; God's forgiveness makes us new and whole. 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

Now go, to greet stranger and dear friend equally.

**We will share God's steadfast love as we seek to live in faithfulness.**

Now go, to share Christ's compassion with everyone.

**We will tear down dividing walls and build bridges of hope.**

Now go, to live as one as the Spirit gathers you with others.

**We will build communities that welcome all, especially the outsiders.**

### 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!**

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## Announcements

**Operation Christmas Child** – With such a late start due to the COVID pandemic, we will be sending a financial contribution to OCC this year in the same way we did last year. If you'd like to donate, please mark OCC on the memo line of your check. Blessings!

**Men's Group:** We meet on **Saturday mornings @ 7 a.m.** at the church for fellowship and learning more about God's call on our lives. All men are invited to attend.

**Pollinator Pockets** - Do your part to save the pollinators - the bees, butterflies, moths, and other insects critical to our food supply and human survival. *Help Joyful Harvest plant a "pocket" of flowers that attract and nurture pollinators.* You may not realize that manicured lawns, exotic plantings, and enticing hybrids and cultivars often provide no value to pollinators. By placing pollinator pockets into your landscape, you provide an oasis for pollinators. Now that's sweet! *No experience needed!!*



**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!*



**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!

**Next Feed My Starving Children Outing:**  
**Monday, June 14 5:00 p.m. Mark your calendars!**

**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.*

**Weekly Calendar**

Sun. July 18	<b>Sunday Worship <u>Live-Streaming and In-Person</u></b>	9:00 a.m.
Tue. July 20	<b>Food Pantry Service Opportunity</b>	3:00-6:30 p.m.
Thur. July 22	<b>Food Pantry Service Opportunity</b>	3:00-6:30 p.m.
Sat. July 24	<b>Men's Group – <u>Live-Streaming and In-Person</u></b>	7:00 a.m.
Sun. July 25	<b>Sunday Worship <u>Live-Streaming and In-Person</u></b>	9:00 a.m.
Mon. July 26	<b>Feed My Starving Children Mission Outing</b>	5:00 p.m.

**Remember – For your online shopping, visit [Joyfulharvest.org](http://Joyfulharvest.org) and click on Saving with Susan! It helps support our ministries at Joyful Harvest!**

**JULY 18, 2018**  
**NINTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**



*People flock to Jesus as their shepherd.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 6:30-34, 53-56</b>	<b>Jesus teaches and heals the people</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jeremiah 23:1-6</b>	<b>God promises a righteous king</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Ephesians 2:11-22</b>	<b>United by Christ</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Isaiah 40:1-11</b>	<b>God's people are comforted</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>John 10:1-18</b>	<b>Jesus the Good Shepherd</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2 John</b>	<b>Truth and love</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 23</b>	<b>The Lord is my shepherd</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 6:1-21</b>	<b>Jesus feeds the five thousand</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. **Mark 6:34 (NRSV)**

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord Jesus, you who care for us as a shepherd, guide us to care for others with your tender and healing touch. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Our Good Shepherd feeds us. Our Good Shepherd leads us. Thanks be to God!  
Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord touch you with love, show you kindness and bring you healing.  
(Mark 6:34, 55-56)

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## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- If you saw Jesus standing in front of you, what would you want from him?
- Jesus taught and healed people (Mark 6:30-34, 53-56). What has Jesus taught you? What would you want Jesus to teach you now?
- Jesus sees the people as sheep without a shepherd (Mark 6:34). What does it mean to you to have Jesus as your shepherd?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Ephesians 2:11-22.

In verse 15 it states that Christ has abolished the law. That is not suggesting that we live without laws. It means that the law that defines the Jew through all their religious practices was no longer present to divide Jews from non-Jews. In Jesus one new humanity is being created; there exists one household of God—one people—to be a dwelling place for God (v. 22). What are the divisions you experience that separate followers of Jesus from being one people united by God? Identify the kinds of attitudes and practices that divide the one body of Christ. Offer a prayer that confesses these divisions that are present in you and in the larger church and ask to be healed of the things that divide us one from another in Christ.

*Pray:* The Lord's Prayer.

## SERVICE

A shepherd in the Old Testament serves as a royal metaphor for the king (Jeremiah 23:1-6). In the New Testament Jesus becomes the Good Shepherd for all (Mark 6:34 and John 10:11-18). The future followers of Jesus also serve the ministry of teaching and healing that offer Jesus' shepherding care. A shepherd of souls is any Christian who offers the compassion of Jesus' love to others who need care. This can be done through listening, praying, speaking, and any other way to care for the physical and spiritual needs of others. Take time to wonder how you can offer Jesus' shepherding to someone in need, someone who needs a listening ear or any other way to be touched by the presence of our Good Shepherd.



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