

Welcome to Worship at
Joyful Harvest Church
Growing Together for Christ
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10th 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

Lead a life worthy of your calling.

We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.

Lead a life filled with the gifts of your calling, gifts to be used with service and meekness.

We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.

Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.

Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.

Gathering Songs

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Prayer of the Day

Word

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a (NRSV)

²⁶When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, ^{12:1}and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." ⁷Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into

your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

¹⁰Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ¹¹Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. ¹²For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.” ^{13a}David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 78:23-29 (NRSV)

²³Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven;

²⁴he rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.

²⁵Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.

²⁶He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind;

²⁷he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas;

²⁸he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings.

²⁹And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16 (NRSV)

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, “When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.” ⁹(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?

¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by

people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35 (NRSV)

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there...

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

When we try to sugarcoat what we have done, scripture stares us down, reminding us of our faults. When we seek to romanticize why we have failed to live as faithful people, God refuses to go along, waiting for us to confess our sins. Let us join together as God's children, lifting our prayers to the One who is generous in love.

Compassionate One: like David, it is not easy for us to confront those deeds which do not please you. We are so busy looking for the miracles we desire, we cannot see the gift of your presence in others. We are so intent on indulging our appetites and slaking our thirsts, we cannot taste that Bread which gives life. We spend so much of our lives bemoaning the acts of others, we have no time to look in the mirror and see our secret faces. Forgive us, Steadfast Love. Grace us with your mercy, so we might be made whole. Touch our inner being and heal us, so we might know joy and gladness. Create new hearts within us, so they might beat as one with each other, and with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept...

Despite knowing our sin, God chooses to forgive us; seeing our emptiness, God chooses to feed us; holding our shattered hearts, God chooses to heal us. This is the good news: God loves us.

God has graced us with mercy and created new life from our brokenness. 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

Let us go into the world with God's gifts.

We will perform God's works of mercy and life.

Let us go into the world with the Bread of heaven in our hands.

We will share Christ's grace which gives life to everyone.

Let us go as the one body of faith and fellowship.

We will to witness to the one Spirit of hope and faith.

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!

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.**

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!!*



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.

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!

Weekly Calendar

Sun. Aug 01	Sunday Worship <u>Live-Streaming and In-Person</u>	9:00 a.m.
Tue. Aug 03	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:30 p.m.
Thur. Aug 05	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:30 p.m.
Fri. Aug 06	Rummage Sale – Come have fun!	8:00 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sat. Aug 07	Men's Group – <u>Live-Streaming and In-Person</u>	7:00 a.m.
Sat. Aug 07	Rummage Sale – Come and have fun!	8:00 a.m.-noon
Sun. Aug.08	Sunday Worship <u>Live-Streaming and In-Person</u>	9:00 a.m.

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

Come help set up for the Rummage Sale – Monday-Thursday, 8 am-?? (until you can't stand any more joy!)



AUGUST 1, 2021
TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus is the bread of life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 6:24-35	Christ, the bread of life
Monday	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Bread from heaven
Tuesday	Ephesians 4:1-16	Unity in the body of Christ
Wednesday	Matthew 6:9-13	The Lord's Prayer
Thursday	Deuteronomy 8:1-10	You do not live by bread alone
Friday	Isaiah 55:1-11	The abundant life
Saturday	Psalms 78:23-29	God feeds the people
Sunday	John 6:35, 41-51	Bread from heaven

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6:35 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, we come to you to be fed. Fill us that we may do the work of God by believing in you. Amen. (John 6:29, 35)

Mealtime Prayer:

Jesus, bread of life, feed us, body and soul. Jesus, bread from heaven, come and make us whole. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus, the bread of life, fill you with faith, hope, and love now and always. (John 6:29, 35)



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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Talk about a time you were really hungry.
- Jesus called himself the bread of life. He said that those who come to him will never go hungry. What do you think he meant?
- Without food, hunger is something that can happen to us every day. How are you fed by Jesus, the bread of life, so you do not experience spiritual hunger?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Ephesians 4:1-16.

Leaders in the church identified in the text as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers are “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (v. 12). Church leaders are not the only ministers in the church. All people in the church are ministers to build up one another in faith by “speaking the truth in love” so that all may “grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ” (v. 15). This promotes the growth of the whole church (v. 16). Reflect on how you can use your spiritual gifts and speak the truth in love to serve others to strengthen the church.

Pray: **Dear loving God, we thank you that we are part of the church, the body of Christ. Help us to support and strengthen others in the Christian faith, especially (name specific individuals you know and care for). May the Holy Spirit give us the faith and the gifts to care for one another through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

When Jesus said he was the bread of life, he was speaking to people who knew what it was like being hungry most every day. Many people still do. Select an organization that provides food for the hungry and make a financial contribution or use your gifts of service to help at a place that provides food. Have you ever contacted your legislator or advocated for policies that care for the poor and the hungry?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Fasting is a tradition found in many religions. For Christians, one reason for fasting is to be aware of how dependent we are on food and on God to stay alive. Fasting and prayer go together. There are many ways to fast from avoiding all foods to restricting one’s diet for a specific period of time. Choose a fast that works for you. When you end your fast enjoy some food while reading John 6:24-35. Reflect on the presence of your Lord Jesus Christ, the bread of life. Conclude the time by praying: **Lord Jesus, we come to you to be fed. Fill us that we may do the work of God by believing in you. Amen.**



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