

Worship Theme

Elijah P. Lovejoy:

Honoring the Past & Preparing for the Future

ORGAN PRELUDE Ms. Debbie Kindig

WELCOME BY HOST CHURCH Pastor Janet Riley

SOLO: "His Eye is on the Sparrow" Ms. Louise Osteen

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Philip Trapani

Leader: God of Life, prepare our hands for a touch, a new and different touch, prepare our hands for a touch

**People: a touch of encounter
a touch of awakening
a touch of hope
a touch of feeling**

Leader: Many are the worn-out gestures, many are the moments frozen in time. Many are the useless excuses just to repeat attitudes...

People: Give us daring to create new titles of community, new links of affection, breaking away from the old ways of relating,

ALL: Encouraging true, meaningful ways to move into closeness.

Ernesto Barros, Cardoso, Brazil

HYMN "Live Into Hope" No. 332

THE OCCASION Dr. Rance Thomas

LIGHTING THE MEMORIAL CANDLE

J. Eric Robinson and Barbara Gillian

In memory of

Barry Stone, Virginia Russo, Mary Lucille Haynes, Helen Smith,
Sandra Huddleston, Maud Davona Paul, Elijah P. Lovejoy,

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Pastor Charles Burton,
Unity Fellowship Church

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 52:7-10 Ms. Oneida Holman

Epistle Acts 1:1-9 Pastor Janet Riley

Gospel Luke 10:1-9 Pastor Christian Boyd

SOLO: "Blessed Assurance" Ms. Louise Osteen

MESSAGE "What is the Word Today?" Pastor Christian Boyd,
New Creation Presbyterian Church

A CHALLENGE FROM THE TRUSTEE OF THE ELIJAH P. LOVEJOY GRAVESITE

Mr. Ed Gray

SOLO: "Magnificent Obsession" Mrs. Jean Heil

PRAYER / BENEDICTION Pastor Charles Burton

ORGAN POSTLUDE Ms. Debbie Kindig

Participants or planners in Lovejoy Vesper Service

Mr. Leonard Hawthorne, Chair of Worship Planning Committee

Ms. Oneida Holman, Worship Planning Committee

Dr. Rance Thomas, President Lovejoy Memorial

Mr. Ed Gray, Trustee of Lovejoy Gravesite

Mr. J. Eric Robinson, Past Pres. Lovejoy Memorial (1995-2003)

Mrs. Barbara Gillian, Lovejoy Memorial Board

Mr. Philip Trapani, Lovejoy Memorial Board

Pastor Christian Boyd, Organizing Pastor for

New Creation Presbyterian Church, O'Fallon, IL

Pastor Charles Burton, Unity Fellowship Church, Godfrey, IL

Mrs. Jean Heil (College Avenue Presbyterian Church) - Soloist

Ms. Debbie Kindig, (College Ave. Presbyterian Church) - Organist

Ms. Louise Osteen - Soloist

(Harvest Christian Fellowship, Godfrey, IL)

Pastor Janet L. Riley (College Avenue Presbyterian Church)

The Piasa Mariners of our Church invite all in attendance to come back to the Lovejoy Room for light refreshments following this evening vesper service.

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New Age of Peace

What would happen for a moment

if the whole world forgot

All the bad and prejudice
they ever had been taught?

Suddenly people would
reach out 'round the world
Banners of peace and joy
might actually unfurl.

Spears and spikes and implements
once used for destruction,
in an age of new intent
would be reforged for construction.

Where leaders called for military
armed up to the hilt
In their place ecologists
new jobs and minds rebuilt.

New cultures in communities
suddenly will form
And new ways of inclusiveness
would show we've been reborn.

Time will come when
kingdoms will explore
The depths of life and living,
and yet more
than eye can see,
an age of prosperity.

Is it just a dream
echoed from distant shore,
Or a call from God Supreme
to our new chore?

Reverend George H. Humbert, Jr.

Annual Lovejoy Vesper Service November 1, 2009

