

## Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

\* Call to Worship

God is our rock and salvation.

**We wait to hear from God;  
our souls wait.**

We depend on God alone;

**we release what will pass away  
and rest in God's enduring mercy.**

Though God calls us down difficult paths,

**we answer, relying on God's help,  
for God keeps calling us to the work.**

Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

\* Hymn 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

*1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."*

Prayer of Confession      **O Holy God,  
you called the disciples to drop their nets and follow you,  
yet we are hesitant to drop the tools and comforts of our  
lives.  
We distract ourselves from your call  
with busyness, stress, and worry.  
We tangle ourselves in webs of racism, sexism,  
and hatred that disguises itself as fear.  
Forgive us, O Lord, and by your forgiveness,  
open our ears to hear your voice saying to us,  
“Follow me”...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Passing of the Peace      May the Peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

\* Hymn 582                      *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*  
*1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*  
*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*  
*2 World without end, without end. Amen.*  
*World without end, without end. Amen.*  
*World without end, without end. Amen.*  
*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

## Word

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading                      Mark 1:14-20  
14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news[a] of God,[b] 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;[c] repent, and believe in the good news.”[d]  
  
16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Second Reading                      Psalm 62:5-12  
**5**  
For God alone my soul waits in silence,

for my hope is from him.

**6**

He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

**7**

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**8**

Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us. *Selah*

**9**

Those of low estate are but a breath,  
those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter than a breath.

**10**

Put no confidence in extortion,  
and set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

**11**

Once God has spoken;  
twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God,

**12**

and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.  
For you repay to all  
according to their work.

### Third Reading

Jonah 1:1-4, 12–17a; 2:1, 7-10; 3:1-5

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, 'Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.' But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. He said to them, 'Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quieten down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.' Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. Then they cried out to the Lord, 'Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.' So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish,  
As my life was ebbing away,  
I remembered the Lord;  
and my prayer came to you,  
into your holy temple.  
Those who worship vain idols  
forsake their true loyalty.  
But I with the voice of thanksgiving  
will sacrifice to you;  
what I have vowed I will pay.  
Deliverance belongs to the Lord!  
Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Ervin

\* Affirmation of Faith

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967*

**God's sovereign love is a mystery  
beyond the reach of the human mind.  
Human thought ascribes to God  
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.  
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ  
by showing power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross,  
and goodness in receiving  
sinful men and women.  
The power of God's love in Christ  
to transform the world  
discloses that the Redeemer  
is the Lord and Creator  
who made all things  
to serve the purpose of God's love.**

\* Hymn 751

*From the Nets of Our Labor*

*1 From the nets of our labors,  
through the noise and confusion,  
from the city or seashore,  
Jesus summons us all. (Refrain)*

*Refrain:*

*We will rise up and follow,  
Christ before and beside us,  
loving pattern to guide us,  
as we answer the call.*

*2 When we faint and grow weary  
from the bearing of burdens,  
with a message of comfort,  
Jesus summons us all. (Refrain)*

*3 In the eyes of the stranger—  
tearful, joyous, or frightened—  
in the face of each neighbor,  
Jesus summons us all. (Refrain)*

*4 When we hear words of hatred  
spreading fear or false witness,  
words that cry to be challenged,  
Jesus summons us all.*

*5 In each moment of courage,  
steadfast even through trembling;  
in the yearning for justice,  
Jesus summons us all. (Refrain)*

*6 Like disciples before us,  
from the city or seashore,  
risking selfless compassion:  
Jesus summons us all. (Refrain)*

## Responding

### Installation of Elders and Deacons

*We joyfully install those whom God has called and the congregation has elected to serve in roles of leadership at LoveJoy United. Sandy Blackford as a Ruling Elder and Susie Musgrave as a Deacon. Sandy and Susie were unable to be with us on January 7.*

### Announcements

### Offering our Gifts

*Give at [lovejoyupc.org/give](https://lovejoyupc.org/give)*

*Loose cash offerings benefit our Good Samaritan fund, which helps our neighbors with essential needs on an emergency basis.*

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Sung call to Prayer

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

*Lord, listen to your children praying.*

*Lord, send your Spirit in this place.*

*Lord, listen to your children praying.*

*Send us love; send us power; send us grace.*

Hymn 469

## Prayers of the People

### The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

## Sending

### \* Hymn 170

### *You Walk along Our Shoreline*

*1 You walk along our shoreline  
where land meets unknown sea.  
We hear your voice of power,  
"Now come and follow me.  
And if you still will follow  
through storm and wave and shoal,  
then I will make you fishers  
but of the human soul."*

*2 You call us, Christ, to gather  
the people of the earth.  
We cannot fish for only  
those lives we think have worth.  
We spread your net of gospel  
across the water's face,  
our boat a common shelter  
for all found by your grace.*

*3 We cast our net, O Jesus;  
we cry the kingdom's name;  
we work for love and justice;  
we learn to hope through pain.  
You call us, Lord, to gather  
God's daughters and God's sons,  
to let your judgment heal us  
so that all may be one.*

### \* Charge & Benediction

### \* Postlude


## Worship Notes

Ann French is our Director of Music. Thanks to Michael & Robert Musgrave-Perkins and Alice Buzzard for their technology gifts. Thanks also to our liturgist for the day. Parts of today's service are adapted from *The Book of Common Worship* and *Call to Worship*.

## Land Acknowledgment

The LoveJoy United community gathers on the traditional land of the Tamaroa People, who have been its faithful stewards for generations. We acknowledge and honor the past, present, and future of the Tamaroa and other Indigenous peoples who have been displaced from their ancestral homelands.

## Announcements

Announcements marked with  are opportunities that relate to our Matthew 25 commitment.

### **Annual Congregational Meeting & Meet Your Deacon Potluck - January 28**

Join us after worship for the annual meeting of the congregation. The Session will present the 2024 budget. The congregation will be voting on changes to the pastor's terms of call.

Following the meeting, join us for a potluck lunch. Session will provide the main protein, but invite you to bring a side or dessert to share! Come and dine with your deacon so you can get to know one another and others in your care group!

### **Directory Updates**

Tabitha will be printing the 2024 Directory in the next few weeks. Please let the office know if any changes are needed to the directory, or you may log in to the online directory and make changes to your address if you prefer.

### **Souper Bowl of Caring Meal to Support LoveJoy United's Food Pantry - Feb. 11 after worship.**

After worship on February 11th come eat a bowl of soup to support the food pantry. A donation of money or food items will be accepted for the LoveJoy United Food Pantry. In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: **“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”** Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need. Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money, serve at hunger-relief charities, and show caring and compassion in local communities nationwide. Share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. All of the donations collected will go directly to the LoveJoy United Food Pantry.

### **Birthday Celebration for Edie Chappell - February 18 after worship.**

The five Chappell siblings—Mary, John, Vickie, Gary and Kate—hope you'll join us to help celebrate our mom's 90th Birthday!

Edie Chappell is becoming 90 on February 23rd. Throughout her life, her church family has been an important centerpiece of engagement, support, friendships and love.

For this milestone birthday, she'd be pleased if the LoveJoy church family would gather after service with her and us at 11:30 on February 18th to make the occasion special.

We've planned sweets, coffee, tea and cold drinks. Your taking part with toasts or words of friendship is welcome! Please no gifts!

### **LoveJoy Lyceum Book Club**

Lyceum Book Club's current book is *THE COVENANT OF WATER* by Abraham Verghese. It is a 2-month read therefore we ZOOM the last half on 02/21 @ 7:15p. Our next book is *THE AGE OF AI* by Henry Kissinger. We ZOOM it on 03/20 @ 6:15p.

### **Sunday Morning Live (Adult Christian Education), Sundays at 9 AM in-person and on Zoom.**

Pour yourself a cup of coffee and join a group of adults in an informal conversation around the themes of Christian Practices. Join in the Fellowship Hall or via Zoom (<https://lovejoyupc.org/live> and click "connect via

Zoom").



### **Wednesdays at LoveJoy United**

- **Lectionary Bible Study In-Person or Zoom at 10:15 AM** - Join pastor Daniel and a number of others as we discuss the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.
- **Lunch Bunch gathers on Wednesdays at 11:30 AM**
- **Zoom Evening Prayer at 7 PM**

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

JoAnn Moss, Pat Fletcher, Katie Davis, Jessica Elledge, John Gremler & the Gremler Family, Connor, JoAnn Lamar, Trans folks in KY, TN, FL, MO, Mason Inlow, Kenny Slayden, Connie, Ched, Carol Foraker, Landon Stockhoff, Annabel Gibson, Mark Carter (Alice Carter's husband, back surgery), Spencer Slayden (Jack and Dottie Kleinert's grandson, Scott and Kelly Slayden's oldest son, deployed to Middle East), Wendy Shugert (John and Linda Shugert's Sister-in-Law), Jack Jenkins (Friend of Linda Allen - Surgery), Paula Blair, Nina and Harold Bertolis (friends of Mag Paddock), Brandy Cunningham (The King's granddaughter), Bob Vandalia, First Baptist Church of Edwardsville.

### **NURSING & RETIREMENT HOME RESIDENTS**

**Integrity Healthcare, Wood River** – Herbert Peel

**The Cottages of Carlinville, Carlinville** – Shirley Martin

**Villa Rose, Bethalto** – Beth Forrester

**Cedarhurst, Bethalto** – Shirley Burris and Mary Barnes



**NEXT STEPS  
& SIGNUPS**

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