

Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Bettcher

Handbell Choir

* Call to Worship

Come! Let us speak plainly and boldly of our faith.

**The Spirit of God descends upon us,
and Christ's promise to us is fulfilled.**

The expression of the Spirit's power
in our community is a wonder to behold.

**We each have a different voice,
yet we witness God's joy together! Amen.**

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain:

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.*

*1 You moved on the waters;
you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons
you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings." (Refrain)*

*2 You swept through the desert;
you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land.
When they were confounded
with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes. (Refrain)*

*3 You sang in a stable;
you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still.
And down in the city,*

*you called once again
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. (Refrain)*

*4 You call from tomorrow;
you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions;
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise. (Refrain)*

Prayer of Confession

**O God, as your Spirit filled the church
on the first Pentecost day,
so fill this house of worship with your presence,
and fill us with your passion.
You are doing a new thing, actively moving in the world.
Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been
written.
You hear the prayers of every language
and call us to hear each other.
Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit
only spoke our native tongue.
Wash us in your grace, O God,
and illuminate us with your fire.
Send us out to follow your spirit
and teach us to hear the prayers of all your people...**

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

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

26 “When the Advocate^[a] comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. **27** You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

4 “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. **5** But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ **6** But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. **7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate^[a] will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

8 And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about^[b] sin and righteousness and judgment: **9** about sin, because they do not believe in me; **10** about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; **11** about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

Second Reading

Romans 8:22-27

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; **23** and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. **24** For in^[a] hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes^[b] for what is seen? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. **26** Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes^[c] with sighs too deep for words. **27** And God,^[d] who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit^[e] intercedes for the saints according to the will of God

Anthem

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Akers

Third Reading

Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. **5** Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s

deeds of power.” 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Sermon

Risen People: Pentecost

Rev. Daniel Ervin

Responding

* Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*

God the Holy Spirit

fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life.

**The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church
as the community in which people are reconciled
to God and to one another.**

**The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness
as they forgive one another**

**and to enjoy the peace of God
as they make peace among themselves.**

**In spite of their sin,
the Spirit gives people power
to become representatives of Jesus Christ
and his gospel of reconciliation to all.**

* Hymn 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*1 Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.*

*2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.*

*3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.*

*4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.*

Celebration and Blessings of Graduates

Announcements

Offering our Gifts

Give at 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

Spirit of the Living God

Hymn 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus Hymn 552

Holy, Holy, Holy

1 Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

2 Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

hosanna in the highest.

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.**

Communion

Please come down the center aisle and receive a piece of bread and a cup of juice. If you wish to receive bread in your pew, the servers will assist you. If you're joining us online, please have bread and juice/wine available to celebrate with us. All who wish to know Jesus more deeply are invited to the table.

Communion Meditation

Communion Medley

Sikes

Prayer After Communion

Sending

* Hymn 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my
dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my
God and King, the triumphs of God's Grace!*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears and
bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the
sinner's ears brings life, and health and peace.*

*Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new
life the dead receive, the mournful walken
to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.*

*My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the
earth abroad the honors of they name.*

*To God all glory praise, and love be
now and ever given by saints below and
saints above, the church in earth and heaven.*

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Beethoven/Hustad

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

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.

Graduate Celebration and Reception Following Worship Today.

Join us as we celebrate those who are graduating in the extended family of our congregation. After worship, we'll share in a light reception to show our support, encouragement, and care.

 **Church Garden Team Interest Meeting TODAY after worship and graduate reception** in the Fellowship Hall. Jesus calls us to eliminate poverty and hunger in our world. Our food pantry is one way we work toward this goal. This Spring and Summer, we are going to be experimenting in an additional way to meet this need. We're going to be starting a small raised bed garden to supplement our food pantry with fresh produce. If you have experience and interest in taking part in this exciting project, please join us for an informational/interest meeting on May 19 after worship in the Fellowship Hall. If you're not able to attend the meeting, but are still interested, go to lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps and click Church Garden to stay in the loop.

 **Food Pantry** - The Food Pantry needs toilet paper and spaghetti sauce. Your donations are always appreciated.

 **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, John Gremler & the Gremler Family, Connor, JoAnn Lamar, Trans folks in KY, TN, FL, MO, ID, Mason Inlow, Kenny Slayden, Connie, Ched, Carol Foraker, 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), Becky (friend of Mary Trudell), Kathy Walker (Jack & Dottie Kleinert's daughter), Abby Cotter, Linda Andrus, Jenny Brueggeman (friend of Lisa) placed on Hospice, Tom and his father Ralph, Kristi Doering, Shelly Devore (Brenda and Deb's niece), Margarete Trushel, Brittany.

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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