

Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Unto Thee O Lord
Aulbach/Sikes

* Call to Worship

The God who first heard the morning stars sing
never forgets the cry of the afflicted.
You, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you.
The God who set the limits of the seas
remains a stronghold for the oppressed.
You, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you.
Come, let us thank God for steadfast love,
for all God's mighty works.

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 840

When Peace like a River

*1 When peace like a river
attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Refrain:

*It is well with my soul;
it is well; it is well with my soul.*

*1 Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded
my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)*

*2 He lives: O the bliss
of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)*

*3 Lord, hasten the day
when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. (Refrain)*

Prayer of Confession **O Christ whose voice brought peace to the waves,
we pray for a glimpse of your peace in our lives.
When all around us has given way to chaos,
ground us in your presence.
When the struggle for justice
seems endless and we grow tired,
refresh us by your mercy.
Help us to see that you are in the boat with us,
even when we are certain that it is sinking.
Forgive us when we doubt the power of your grace, O Lord,
and make us agents of your reign...**

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

Special Music *I've Got Peace Like a River* Boomwhacker Ensemble

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Job 38:1-11
Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:
2 "Who is this that obscures my plans
with words without knowledge?
3 Brace yourself like a man;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me.
4 "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?
Tell me, if you understand.
5 Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!
Who stretched a measuring line across it?

6 On what were its footings set,
or who laid its cornerstone—
7 while the morning stars sang together
and all the angels[a] shouted for joy?

8 “Who shut up the sea behind doors
when it burst forth from the womb,
9 when I made the clouds its garment
and wrapped it in thick darkness,
10 when I fixed limits for it
and set its doors and bars in place,
11 when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther;
here is where your proud waves halt’?

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Left: Give thanks to the lord, for the lord is good,
for God’s mercy endures forever.

Right: Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

Left: gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the
west, From the north and from the south.

Right: Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep
waters.

Left: They beheld the works of the Lord, God’s wonderful works in the
deep.

Right: Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high
the waves of the sea.

Left: They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;
their souls melted away in their peril.

Right: They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was
of no avail.

Left: Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord, and you delivered
them from their distress.

Right: You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the
sea.

Left: Then were they glad when it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

Right: Let them give thanks to you, lord, for your steadfast love and
your wonderful works for all people.

Left: Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council
of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:35-41

35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us
go over to the other side.” 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they
took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also
other boats with him. 37 A furious squall came up, and the
waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38

Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Sermon

Sowing the Kingdom: Deep Peace

Responding

* Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*

**The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church
in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women
commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity
that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.**

* Hymn 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,*

*who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

*2 O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

*3 O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

*4 O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad praise from air and land and sea.*

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 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 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."*

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

Great is the Lord

Smith/Doran

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.

Church Garden

We have started 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 let us know by going to lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps and click Church Garden to stay in the loop. We're currently looking for volunteers, tools, and lattice for climbing plants.

Fellowship Sunday Signup Sheet

If you are interested in hosting Fellowship Sunday, the third Sunday of each month, there is a signup sheet in the narthex.

Birthday Celebration for Eileen Miller, June 23 after worship.

Join us as we celebrate Eileen!

LoveJoy United's First Bike Ride & Picnic - Saturday, June 29 (non-bikers welcome, too!)


Bicyclers are welcome to join us at 9:45 a.m. at Edwardsville Township Park (6368 Center Grove Rd) Pavilion 4 for a 10 a.m. start time. We'll do a around a 10 mile ride at a casual pace and return to the park around 12:30 p.m. for a pulled pork lunch. Non-bikers are invited to meet us there for lunch. We ask for a \$5/person donation to help offset the cost of food. Please register by going to lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps and click "Bike Ride."

Celebration for Lisa Hemphill, June 30 after worship.

Join us as we give thanks for Lisa's long tenure as our church custodian.

Red Cross Blood Drive - Wednesday - July 31, 2024

Mission and Outreach is hosting a Blood Drive at LoveJoy United Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, July 31 from 2 PM - 6 PM if you have any questions contact Hershel Henson - Mission and Outreach Committee.

 **Food Pantry** - The Food Pantry needs canned chicken or tuna. 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, Tom and his father Ralph, Kristi Doering, Shelly Devore (Brenda and Deb's niece), Margarette Trushel, Brittany, Bill Lester, Lanny Harris.

NURSING & RETIREMENT HOME RESIDENTS

Integrity Healthcare, Wood River – Herbert Peel
The Cottages of Carlinville, Carlinville – Shirley Martin
Villa Rose, Bethalto – Beth Forrester

Cedarhurst, Bethalto – Mary Barnes
Liberty Village, Jerseyville – Shirley Burris



**NEXT STEPS
& SIGNUPS**

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