

## Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Reflection

Martin

\* Call to Worship

We wait for you, O God,  
**more than those who watch for the morning.**  
We wait for your steadfast love,  
**more than those who watch for the morning.**  
We wait for you to lift the lowly,  
**more than those who watch for the morning.**  
We wait for your unexpected grace,  
**more than those who watch for the morning.**  
Let us sing of God's holy ways,  
the glory of the one for whom we wait.

\* Prayer of the Day

\* Hymn 301

### *Let Us Build a House*

*1 Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

*Refrain:*

*all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)*

*3 Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine, and wheat;  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)*

*4 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)*

*Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured,  
taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)*

Prayer of Confession

**You have called us blessed, O God,  
and washed us in the waters of grace.  
You have called us a family, O God,  
and bound us by the presence of your Spirit.  
Forgive us, O Holy One  
when we try to forget that we belong to you:  
when we bind ourselves to the illusion of independence,  
the myth of supremacy,  
or the fear of what might happen  
if we placed our trust in something beyond ourselves.  
Forgive us, O Holy One, and by your forgiveness,  
free us from all that keeps us bound...**

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.

Come, Christians Join to Sing

Hayes

Ann French

## Prayer for Illumination

### First Reading

#### Genesis 3:8-15

**8** They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" **10** He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." **11** He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" **12** The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." **13** Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." **14** The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. **15** I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

### Psalm 130

Left: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Right: Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

Left: Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Right: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

Left: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Right: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

Left: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

Right: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

Left: It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

### Gospel Reading

#### Mark 3:20-35

**20** and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. **21** When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." **22** And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." **23** And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? **24** If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. **25** And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. **26** And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. **27** But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. **28** "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; **29** but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can

never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— **30** for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” **31** Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. **32** A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters<sup>[a]</sup> are outside, asking for you.” **33** And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” **34** And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! **35** Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Sermon

*Sowing the Kingdom: Family Trouble*

Rev. Daniel Ervin

## 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

*Sing a New World into Being*

Bringle

*Sing a new world into being, sound a bold and hopeful theme.  
Find a tune for silent yearnings, lend your voice and dare to dream.  
Dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong.  
Sing a new world into being, sing as Christ inspires your song.*

*Sing a new world into being, where each gender class and race.  
Brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace.  
Where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind.  
Sing a new world into being, Risk transforming heart and mind.*

*Sing a new world into being, where the homeless find a home.  
Where no children ever hunger, but are filled with God's shalom.  
Where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease.  
Sing a new world into being, raise the harmonies of peace.*

*Sing a new world into being, Join the ancient prophets' cry.  
For a time of health and plenty, when all tears have been wiped dry.  
When compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve.  
Sing a new world into being, live the promise you believe.*

## Announcements

Offering our Gifts      *Give at [lovejoyupc.org/give](http://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 306      *Blest Be the Tie that Binds  
1 Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.*

2 Before our \*Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes;  
our mutual burdens bear.  
And often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part,  
it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.

5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.

\* Charge & Benediction

\* Postlude                      Praise Him                      Livingston

## 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](https://lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps) and click Church Garden to stay in the loop. We're currently looking for volunteers, tools, and lattice for climbing plants.

### Wood River Bike Ramble - Friday, June 14

LoveJoy United will have a presence at the Wood River Bike Ramble on 6/14. We'll be giving out water in paper cups and refilling water bottles. Reach out to Pastor Daniel or Karen Wilson if you're interested in joining us.

## **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](https://lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps) and click "Bike Ride."

## **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 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, 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** – Shirley Burriss and Mary Barnes



**NEXT STEPS  
& SIGNUPS**

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