

## Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

*Meditation*

Tschaikowsky/Blake

\* Call to Worship

All you with grumbling stomachs,  
hungry for bread, nourishment, and flourishing:

**draw near to God.**

All you with dry throats,  
thirsting for water, wisdom, and justice:

**draw near to God.**

All you with empty arms,  
searching for a warm embrace,  
a meaningful life,  
and a loving community:

**draw near to God.**

\* Prayer of the Day

\* Hymn 509

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

*1 All who hunger, gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering.  
Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.*

*2 All who hunger, never strangers,  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.*

*3 All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.*

Prayer of Confession     **You are the Bread of Life, O God,  
and you promise that we will never hunger again,  
but we do hunger, O Lord, and often for the wrong things.  
You feed us with grace, but we hunger for achievements.  
You offer us peace, but we hunger for control.  
You bless us with plenty to share,  
but we are quick to hoard the gifts we call ours.  
Forgive us, O Bread of Life, and by your forgiveness  
teach us to hunger for things that you do:  
to hunger for justice, to long for equality,  
to work for the common good  
until none of your children have to hunger for bread...**

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 Offering

Julie Gvillo

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading     Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" <sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

#### Psalm 78:23–29

Left: Yet he commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven;  
Right: he rained down on them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven.  
Left: Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.  
Right: He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind;  
Left: he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas;  
Right: he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings.  
Left: And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.

#### Gospel Reading

John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are

you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Sermon

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 others  
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 525

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

*1 Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)  
let us break bread together on our knees.*

*Refrain:  
When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)*

*2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)  
let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)*

*3 Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)  
let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)*

## 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. Checks for offering are processed on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.*

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Sung call to Prayer

*Spirit of the Living God  
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.*

Hymn 288

## 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 *Dorian Pastorale*

Wilson

Prayer After Communion

## Sending

\* Hymn 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty.  
Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.*

*2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.*

\* Charge & Benediction

\* Postlude

*Voluntary*

Stanley

## 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.

### **All Church Pool Party, August 9 at 6 PM**

Join us for our all-church pool party on Friday, August 9 at the River-Aire Swim Club in Godfrey: 5300 Dover Drive, Godfrey, IL 62035 from 6–8 PM. We'll have food to share!

### **Blessing of the Backpacks, August 11 during Worship**

We'll be blessing the backpacks of all who go back to school or work this fall. Bring your bookbag, satchel, briefcase, or other bag you use so we can bless it. We'll also be lifting students, teachers, and parents up in our prayers.

### **LoveJoy United Children and Youth Open House, August 11 after Worship**


Children, Youth, & their families are invited to stay after worship to get acquainted with our ministries for children and youth this fall.


### **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'll soon be planning for our fall planting season.

### **Good Samaritan Fund**

Loose change/cash in the offering plates on Sundays benefits our Good Samaritan Fund, which addresses local mission needs. Much of that now goes to Riverbend Family Ministries, which helps meet the needs of our neighbors in a holistic way. Some funds are retained at the church for emergencies in our congregation and the larger community. Thanks for your continued generosity!

 **Church Officer Nominations** - The congregational Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for elder, deacon, and members of the nominating committee. Please submit names to Julie Gvillo or go to [lovejoyupc.org](https://lovejoyupc.org), click 'next steps' and choose Church Nominations.

 **Food Pantry** - The Food Pantry needs canned vegetables (no corn) and pasta. Your donations are always appreciated.

### **Thou Shalt Not Be a Jerk: Engaging in Political Life as Followers of Jesus, Sundays in August at 9 AM in-person and on Zoom in the Fellowship Hall.**

Join us for a structured time of learning about how disciples of Jesus interact faithfully with the world around them. Pastor Daniel along with other leaders of the Adult Christian Ed. Committee will lead us.

### **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").



## Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors

On **AUGUST 25**, the story of Joseph, the Dreamer, will be presented in a special way during morning worship. A storyteller will tell the story with choir members and individuals playing important roles with singing and acting.

**WE NEED YOU! CHILDREN, TEENS, AND ADULTS ARE NEEDED TO BE THE AUDIENCE FOR THE STORYTELLER. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO LEARN LINES – JUST CHEER AT CERTAIN POINTS AND WAVE STREAMERS AND**

## 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, Paula Blair.

## 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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