

## Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

B-Flat Major Prelude

Bach

\* Call to Worship

We gather before God together,  
imperfect but present.

**Let us worship God together earnestly,  
with our whole selves.**

We gather before God together,  
desiring deeper faith.

**Let us learn from God together  
as we seek harmony between our words and our actions.**

\* Prayer of the Day

\* Land Acknowledgment

\* Hymn 612

*We Praise You, O God*

*1 We praise you, O God,  
our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion  
our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you;  
we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name;  
glad praises we sing.*

*2 We worship you, God of  
our fathers and mothers;  
through trial and tempest  
our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us,  
you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord,  
our struggles we win.*

*3 With voices united  
our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of  
thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us,  
your strong arm will guide us.*

*To you, our great Redeemer,  
forever be praise!*

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God.  
You are the maker of heaven and earth—  
**yet some claim to discover the land  
while others are pushed aside.**  
You are the life of the world—  
**yet some abuse and exploit your creation  
while others hunger and thirst.**  
Your faithful love endures forever—  
**yet some disregard their promises  
while others are betrayed.**  
Your generosity is without measure—  
**yet some heap up treasure for themselves  
while others struggle in poverty.**  
You offer freedom to all in your Spirit—  
**yet some enjoy the blessings of liberty  
while others remain in bondage.**  
You walk in beauty and truth—  
**yet some destroy and deceive  
while others are trampled underfoot.**  
Have mercy on us, O God.  
**Redeem broken promises,  
bring justice to this land,  
and help us to live in right relationship  
with you and one another;  
in Jesus' name we pray...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

\* Hymn 585

*Glory to God*

*Peruvian Melody*

1 Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory in the highest!

To God be glory forever!  
To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, Amen!  
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Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, Amen!

2 Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to Christ Jesus!

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glory to Christ Jesus!

To God be glory forever!

To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, Amen!

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Alleluia, Amen!

3 Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit!  
Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit!

To God be glory forever!

To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, Amen!

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## Word

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah

Anthem

*You are My All in All*

Jernigan/Greer

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Sermon

## Responding

Affirmation of Faith

*Question 1 of the Westminster Shorter Catechism*

What is the chief end of humankind?

**The chief end of humankind is to glorify God and enjoy God forever.**

Hymn 692

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

*Refrain:*

*Spirit, open my heart  
to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open my heart.*

*1 God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender. (Refrain)*

*2 Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory. (Refrain)*

*3 May I weep with those who weep;  
share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
may we welcome one another. (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 primarily through our partners at Riverbend Family Ministries. Checks for offering are processed on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.*

Offertory

*Elevation*

Benoit

Prayer of Dedication

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.*

\* Prayers of the People

**We are all related: Lord Hear our Prayer**

\* 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 716

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

*1 God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.*

*2 Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:*

*all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor,  
lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants  
fit to answer at your throne.*

*3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.*

\* Charge & Benediction

\* Postlude

*B-Flat Major Fugue*

Bach

## 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*. Prayers for Indigenous Peoples' Day come from *Voices: Native American Hymns and Worship Resources*


## 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.

 **Native American Sunday Celebration** On Sunday, October 13, we will celebrate Native American Sunday. Following worship the congregation is invited to a special dinner and program in the fellowship hall.

 **SUNday Solar Celebration, Sunday, October 20**  
Join us as we celebrate, dedicate, and bless the church's solar panels which are finally in operation! At the end of worship, we'll gather outside for a brief service of blessing followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall with sun-themed treats.

 **Stewardship Campaign: The Glory Belongs to God!**

This coming week, you should be receiving a letter inviting you to consider how God is calling you to financially support the ministries of LoveJoy United. Please return complete and return the pledge card or complete it on our website: [lovejoyupc.org/pledge](http://lovejoyupc.org/pledge). If you do not receive one of these letters, please contact the church office. Pledging is an invaluable tool to help our church leaders plan for the upcoming year. We are grateful for your generosity!

**Thank you**

Our family truly appreciates your kindness, comfort, and support during this difficult time. Our mom loved


everyone she met and we felt so much love from all of you. She loved her church and the community it built for her. Thank you to all. - The Linda Andrus Family

### **Adult Christian Education on Sunday Mornings at 9 AM**

- **Sunday Morning Live**, led by Rev. Dr. Mark Russell, is an informal, conversational class that seeks to connect scripture, theology, and faith to our lives and world. They meet in the Love Room and on Zoom. They're currently talking about the Ten Commandments.
- **The Present Word**, led by Ryan Harris, is currently using The Present Word curriculum to study the practices of worship in the Old Testament. They meet in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.


### **LoveJoy Lyceum Book Club's**


Our next book is TOM LAKE by Ann Patchett. We ZOOM it on 10/16 @ 7:15p.

 **TRIVIA NIGHT:** Mission & Outreach will be putting together a table (or two, depending on interest) for a trivia night benefiting the Overnight Warming Locations in Alton and Edwardsville. It's **Saturday, Nov. 2, at 7 pm with doors opening at 6 pm.** It will be held at LaMay's Catering on Broadway in Alton. There's a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

### **LoveJoy T-Shirts**

We have a few T-shirts left over from last year's order. To purchase, see Alice Buzzard or stop by the office and see Tabitha. The price is \$10.

 **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](http://lovejoyupc.org), click 'next steps' and choose Church Nominations.

 **Food Pantry** - The Food Pantry needs peanut butter and canned pasta. Your donations are always appreciated.

### **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 Gremli & the Gremli Family, Connor, JoAnn Lamar, Trans folks in KY, TN, FL, MO, ID, Mason Inlow, Kenny Slayden, Connie, Ched, Annabel Gibson, Mark Carter, Kathy Walker (Jack & Dottie Kleinert's daughter), Abby Cotter, Linda Andrus, Tom and his father Ralph and his daughter Jupiter, Kristi Doering, Shelly Devore (Brenda and Deb's niece), Brittany, Bill Lester, Lanny Harris, Paula Blair, John Kennedy, Renee Lynn.

### **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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