

## Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

*Trumpet Tune*

Johnson

\* Call to Worship

The heavens declare the glory of God.  
**The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**  
The plants and trees show God's presence.  
**Let us join with creation in praising God.**

\* Prayer of the Day

\* Hymn 666

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

*1 O splendor of God's glory bright,  
from light eternal bringing light;  
O Light of Light, light's living spring,  
true Day, all days illumining:*

*2 Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love,  
rain down your radiance from above,  
and to our inward hearts convey  
the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.*

*3 O joyful be the passing day  
with thoughts as clear as morning's ray,  
with faith like noontide shining bright,  
our souls unshadowed by the night.*

*4 O Lord, with each returning morn,  
your image to our heart is born;  
O may we ever clearly view  
our Savior and our God in you.*

Prayer of Confession

**God of life,  
You created us in your image  
to care for one another and for all creation.  
Forgive us for turning away from you,  
ignoring the needs of our neighbors  
As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth,  
make us signs of your grace,  
through Christ, our light and life, 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!*

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

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

*Alleluia, Amen!  
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*3 Glory to God, glory to  
God,  
glory to the Spirit!  
Glory to God, glory to  
God,  
glory to the Spirit!*

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

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## Word

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from heaven!  
Praise God on the heights!

2 Praise God, all of you who are his messengers!  
Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces!

3 Sun and moon, praise God!  
All of you bright stars, praise God!

4 You highest heaven, praise God!

Do the same, you waters that are above the sky!  
 5 Let all of these praise the Lord's name  
 because God gave the command and they were created!  
 6 God set them in place always and forever.  
 God made a law that will not be broken.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth,  
 you sea monsters and all you ocean depths!  
 8 Do the same, fire and hail, snow and smoke,  
 stormy wind that does what God says!  
 9 Do the same, you mountains, every single hill,  
 fruit trees, and every single cedar!  
 10 Do the same, you animals—wild or tame—  
 you creatures that creep along and you birds that fly!  
 11 Do the same, you kings of the earth and every single person,  
 you princes and every single ruler on earth!  
 12 Do the same, you young men—young women too!—  
 you who are old together with you who are young!

13 Let all of these praise the Lord's name  
 because only God's name is high over all.  
 Only God's majesty is over earth and heaven.  
 14 God raised the strength of his people,  
 the praise of all his faithful ones—  
 that's the Israelites,  
 the people who are close to him.

Praise the Lord!

Anthem	We Are the People of God	Carter	
Old Testament	Hosea 4:1–3		CEB

Hear the Lord's word,  
 people of Israel;  
 for the Lord has a dispute  
 with the inhabitants of the land.  
 There's no faithful love or loyalty,  
 and no knowledge of God in the land.

2 Swearing, lying, murder,  
 together with stealing and adultery are common;  
 bloody crime followed by bloody crime.

3 Therefore, the earth itself becomes sick,  
 and all who live on it grow weak;  
 together with the wild animals  
 and the birds in the sky,  
 even the fish of the sea are dying.

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 713

*Touch the Earth Lightly*

*1 Touch the earth lightly,  
use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care:  
gift of great wonder,  
ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.*

*2 We who endanger,  
who create hunger,  
agents of death for all creatures that live,  
we who would foster  
clouds of disaster,  
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!*

*3 Let there be greening,  
birth from the burning,  
water that blesses and air that is sweet,  
health in God's garden,  
hope in God's children,  
regeneration that peace will complete*

*4 God of all living,  
God of all loving,  
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,  
teach us, deflect us,  
Christ reconnect us,  
using us gently and making us one.*

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

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Sung call to Prayer

*Spirit of the Living God*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

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

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Hymn 288

## 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 484

#### *Out of Deep, Unordered Water*

*1 Out of deep, unordered water  
God created light and land,  
world of bird and beast and, later,  
in God's image, woman, man.  
There is water in the river  
bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver:  
there is water in the font.*

*2 Water on the human forehead,  
birthmark of the love of God,  
is the sign of death and rising;  
through the seas there runs a road.  
There is water in the river  
bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver:  
there is water in the font.*

*3 Standing round the font reminds us  
of the Hebrews' climb ashore.  
Life is hallowed by the knowledge  
God has been this way before.  
There is water in the river  
bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver:  
there is water in the font.*

\* Reaffirmation of Baptism as a call to care for the Earth

\* Postlude

Fanfare and Trumpet Tune

Saxton

*Worship will continue as we process through the Fellowship Hall to the backyard of the church where we will bless our solar energy system.*

## 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.

### **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.

### **Movie Night, Sunday, Oct. 20 at 7 PM, We're All Plastic People Now**

Introduced by actor and environmentalist Ted Danson, *We're All Plastic People Now* investigates the hidden story of plastic and its effects on human health. In an era of throw-away ease, convenience has cost us our well-being. *We're All Plastic People Now* asks the question, how much evidence do we need before we decide to take action?

### **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!

 **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.

### **Attention all Bakers and Candy Makers:**

Our Annual Balke Sale is **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - Noon**

There will be a sign-up sheet available in the middle of November. We are looking forward to another successful sale with a large variety of pies, cookies, candies and breads.

### **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.

 **Food Pantry** - The Food Pantry needs shampoo and toothpaste. 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 Gremlı & the Gremlı 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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