

Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Geschke
Bell Choir

* Call to Worship

Lower voices: Let the lower voices say:
Glory to God
Let the higher voices say:
Higher voices: **Glory to God!**
Let the older voices say:
Older voices: **Glory to God!**
Let the younger voices say:
Younger voices: **Glory to God!**
Let the left handed say:
Lefties: **Glory to God!**
Let the right handed say:
Righties: **Glory to God!**
Let ALL God's people say:
All: **Glory to God!**

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.*

*2 All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.*

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus

*which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.*

Prayer of Confession

**God of Glory,
we confess that we fail daily to love you and to love
our neighbors as ourselves.
Our hearts have been warped to love the things that cannot
satisfy and to glorify the things that cannot save.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Tune our hearts once again to your goodness, your mercy,
and your glory.
Create in us a new love for you, your creation, your church,
and your children...**

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

Word

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD
glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in
holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory
thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of
majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the
cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Anthem

In You We Are One

Althouse

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12–31

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Sermon

The Glory Belongs to God

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 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

*1 Sing glory to the name of God,
whose holy splendor shines abroad.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Enthroned above the crashing waves,
the God of grace and glory saves.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*2 The name of God is full of might:
resounding thunder, flashing light.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The wilderness cannot contain
the echoes of the great refrain:*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*3 The name of God is wild and free,
awhirl in holy mystery.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*A secret wrapped in smoke and fire,
still chanted by the temple choir:*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*4 May God forever be our peace;
may hymns of glory never cease:*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Let all the faithful people come;
sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Announcements

Offering our Gifts

Give at 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.

Offering of Letters

We will glorify God today with our voices today through an offering of letters to Madison County in support of funding solutions for the plight of our homeless neighbors.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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 *Appalachian Folk Tune*

Moore

Prayer After Communion

Sending

* Hymn 727

To God Be the Glory

*1 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.*

*2 We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.*

*3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.*

*4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.*

*5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.*

*6 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.*

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

Jig Fugue

Buxtehude

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.


 **Peace and Global Witness Offering - Today!** A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the

world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. Give using the offering envelopes in the pews OR online at lovejoyupc.org/give.

 **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. 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!


 **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.

 **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, 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 Gremler & the Gremler 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, Jim and June (friends of Barb Elledge).

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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