

## Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

\* Call to Worship

Enter God's presence,  
you who yearn for the day  
when death is no more.  
**From age to age, God is with us.**  
Enter God's presence,  
you who are filled with hope  
and you who find it hard to hope.  
**From age to age, God is with us.**  
**Let us worship the Lord.**

\* Prayer of the Day

\* Hymn 401

*Here in This Place*

*1 Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*2 We are the young; our lives are a mystery.  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*3 Here we will take the wine and the water;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

Prayer of Confession

**O Christ, when you saw that Lazarus died,  
you began to weep.  
So you weep with us, O Lord,  
when we are surrounded by death and decay.  
Unbind us, O Lord, from the destructive forces of this world.  
Unbind us from greed, power, and shame.  
Unbind us from solitude, self-righteousness, and self-doubt.  
Bind us instead to one another and to you.  
Forgive us when we do not live like your new creations,  
and, by your grace, 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 585

*Glory to God*

*Peruvian Melody*

## Word

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. <sup>8</sup>Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,

so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Anthem

New Testament

John 11:32–44

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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 526

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

*1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken; the wine is poured;  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.*

*Refrain:*

*Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

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*2 Christ is able to make us one;  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)*

*3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere! (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

### 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

### 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

Prayer After Communion

## Sending

\* Hymn 326

*For All the Saints*

*1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

\* Charge & Benediction

\* Postlude

## 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.

### **Faith formation for Children & Youth + Confirmation gather on November 3, 11:30–1:30 PM**

Children and youth are invited to join us for our monthly faith formation gathering in the Faith, Hope, and Love rooms. Lunch will be provided. Remember that children and youth of ALL ages are welcome and encouraged to worship with us every Sunday morning. Our PrayGround in the front corner of the sanctuary is perfect for active kiddos. We also have seats and a comfy rocking chair in the entry area for children that need to be rocked or need some extra space to be. Sunday Worship is the primary way our faith is formed as Christians.

 **Funeral Dinner for Annabel Gibson** - The deacons are asking for donations of food for Annabel's service on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

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

This season, we are reminded that everything we have comes from God's gracious hand. Through our stewardship, we have the opportunity to give back a portion of what God has so abundantly provided. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a pledge for the coming year, as an act of gratitude and faithfulness to God's ongoing work through our church. You can return your pledge card to the church office, offering plate, or pledge online at [lovejoyupc.org/pledge](https://lovejoyupc.org/pledge).

### **Reception Honoring Veterans (but all are invited!) on Sunday, November 10 after worship.**

The Fellowship Committee invites you to join in honoring veterans of our congregation and community. Join us for snacks, information about veteran services, and good fellowship, too.

**Deacons Meeting** - The Deacons will meet in the sanctuary on **Sunday, November 10** after Worship.

### **Called Congregational Meeting, November 17 after Worship**


The Session is calling this congregational meeting for the purpose of receiving nominations from the Nominating Committee and voting on those nominated to serve in the next term as Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee members. We encourage all members of the congregation to attend in-person or via Zoom.

 **Lunch Bunch Guest Speaker November 6** - Al Collins has a local handyman business. He is on

several committees in the area including Land of Lincoln Legal Aid in Edwardsville. He supplies a table of bottled WATER AND SNACKS for the homeless population living in the woods near Broadway in Alton. If anyone would like to bring in donations to help, please do so.

### **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.

 **Food Pantry** - The Food Pantry needs shampoo, toilet paper 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 Gremler & the Gremler Family, Connor, JoAnn Lamar, Trans folks in KY, TN, FL, MO, ID, Mason Inlow, Kenny Slayden, Connie, Ched, Mark Carter, Kathy Walker (Jack & Dottie Kleinert's daughter), Abby Cotter, 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, Shannon Doersam (Lisa Hemphill's niece), Kathie Luke (Julie Spurgeon's Sister).

### **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  
Villas of Holly Brook – Jeane Slayden



**NEXT STEPS  
& SIGNUPS**

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