

## Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

*Sarabande*

Handel/Smith

\* Call to Worship

God has gathered us in this place  
from the corners of Godfrey and Alton, Wood River and Bethalto.  
**We've come from many kinds of dwellings and many kinds  
of families, from the many places we work and learn.**  
From near and far(-ish),  
we join our hearts and voices to glorify God.  
**We've come from  
East Alton,Edwardsville, St. Louis  
following detours between or beyond.**  
God welcomes all in this place.  
**Let us worship God!**

\* Prayer of the Day

**God of restoration,  
help us to recognize your healing work in our lives  
and strengthen our faith for the seasons  
when that work is still in progress  
May we cultivate the kind of hope  
that teaches us of your love.  
As a prism spills colors through light,  
may we share your restoring love  
everywhere we go. Amen.**

\* Hymn 410

*God Is Calling through the Whisper*  
*1 God is calling through the whisper  
of the Spirit's deepest sighs,  
through the thrill of sudden beauties  
that can catch us by surprise.  
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder;  
hush of stillness, rush of wonder:  
God is calling—can you hear?  
God is calling—can you hear?*  
  
*2 God is calling through the voices  
of our neighbors' urgent prayers,  
through their longing for redemption  
and for rescue from despair.  
Place of hurt or face of needing;*

*strident cry or silent pleading:  
God is calling—can you hear?  
God is calling—can you hear?*

*3 God is calling through the music  
of sublime and human arts,  
through the hymns of earth and angels,  
and the carols of our hearts.  
Lift of joy and gift of singing;  
days and nights our praises bringing:  
God is calling—and we hear!  
God is calling—and we hear!*

Prayer of Confession      **Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.  
Heal us of our blindness, O Lord,  
for it is a blindness we have chosen.  
We close our eyes when faced with suffering of the world,  
turn our gaze away from the needs of our neighbors,  
and blur our faces in the mirror,  
lest we recognize your image.  
Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.  
Heal us of our blindness,  
and open our eyes to the beauty of your grace...**

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      **Gracious God, your Word is a living word.  
By your Spirit awaken us,  
that we may see and hear your presence in the world  
and in the scripture that we read today.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our brother and guide. Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Anthem

*Your Love is Everlasting*

C. Berry

Old Testament

Mark 10:46–52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

*1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

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

*Incline Thine Ear*

Himmel/Marks

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

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 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

\* Charge & Benediction

## 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**

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. Because worship is our primary source of faith formation, children and youth are encouraged to worship with the congregation every Sunday. Our playground is a great place for kiddos to worship.

### **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).


 **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.

### **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.

### **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 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 Gremli & the Gremli Family, Connor, JoAnn Lamar, Trans folks in KY, TN, FL, MO, ID, Kenny Slayden, Connie, Ched, Annabel Gibson, 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, 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  
Villas of Holly Brook – Jeane Slayden



**NEXT STEPS  
& SIGNUPS**

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