

## ✦ Liturgy of the Palms

### Words of Welcome

*On Palm Sunday, we begin worship in the Fellowship Hall, shouting “Hosanna! Save Us!” After the reading and songs, we’ll process into the sanctuary, as Jesus and his followers processed into Jerusalem, for the reading of the Passion Narrative.*

### \* Call to Worship

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

### \* Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

### \* Anthem

### \* Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Luke 19:28–40

### \* Procession into the Church

Hymn 597    *Sanna, Sannanina*

### \* Hymn 197

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.  
2 From Olivet they followed  
'mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.  
3 “Hosanna in the highest!”  
That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer;  
the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice.

## ✦ Liturgy of the Passion

### First Reading

Psalm 22:1–11

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? <sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. <sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. <sup>4</sup>In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. <sup>5</sup>To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. <sup>7</sup>All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; <sup>8</sup>“Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!” <sup>9</sup>Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother’s breast. <sup>10</sup>On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. <sup>11</sup>Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

### Second Reading

Luke 22:14–23:56

### Moment of Silent Reflection and Prayer

## ✦ Responding

### Bell Choir Anthem

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

### 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.*

### Prayer of Dedication

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Choral Call to Prayer

*What Wondrous Love is This*

### 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 209

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

*1 My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?*

*2 He came from heaven's throne  
salvation to bestow;  
the world that was his own  
would not its Savior know.  
But O my Friend,  
my Friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend!*

*3 Sometimes we strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to our King.  
Then "Crucify!"  
is all our breath,  
and for his death  
we thirst and cry.*

*4 Unheeding, we will have  
our dear Lord made away,  
a murderer to save,  
the prince of life to slay.  
Yet steadfast he  
to suffering goes,  
that he his foes  
from thence might free.*

*5 Here might I stay and sing,*

*no story so divine:  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my Friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend*

\* 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*. During the season of Lent, we are following *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Year C* by Wilda C. Gafney.

## ✦ 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.


### **Maundy Thursday Supper Church Potluck, Thursday, April 17 at 6 PM**

Gather with us on Maundy Thursday to share a meal as we remember the meal Jesus shared with his disciples, and the commandment he gave us to 'love one another.' Bring a dish to share and join us for this Holy Week service.

### **Church Clean-Up Day - Saturday, May 17th - Save the date and join us!!**

### **Help us Compost!**

The Garden Committee is looking for church members to save some select scraps of food and other waste for our garden. Details are on the table in the narthex or you can find them at [lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps](http://lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps).

 **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Prayer shawls are a great way to show our love and care for family, friends, and neighbors going through difficult times. We bless new ones a few times per year. You are always welcome to take one from the sanctuary (near the Pray Ground) and deliver it to someone in need. Simply sign the book! If you're interested in helping to make shawls, we'd love your help. Reach out to Pat Cooper or the deacons for details.

 **Food Pantry Needs: Canned soup**, your donations are always appreciated.

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

- **Sunday Morning Live** led by Richard Sisk, 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 are currently discussing The Revelation of John. Sign up at [lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps](http://lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps).

### - Spring Adult Bible Class

On Sunday, March 2, the adult Bible class will begin “Embracing Life.” The spring quarter will begin with a study of the Beatitudes during Lent, and the theme of Living Water will take us through the Easter Season. The study leader for spring will be Sandy Monroe. **Join us at 9:00 a.m. in fellowship hall**, and bring your Bible!



### 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** will be on hiatus until Easter.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

JoAnn Moss, Pat Fletcher, Katie Davis, John Gremli & the Gremli Family, Connor, JoAnn Lamar, Trans folks, Kenny Slayden, Connie, Ched, Mark Carter, Abby Cotter, Tom and Jupiter, Kristi Doering, Shelly Devore (Brenda and Deb’s niece), Brittany, Bill Lester, Lanny Harris, Paula Blair, John Kennedy, Renee Lynn, Kathie Luke (Julie Spurgeon’s Sister), Forrest, David Hemphill, Linda Duncan, JoJo, Terrye Mock (Valerie Freeman’s Sister-In-Law), Mike Montague & Ken Webster, Gary Chappell (Edie Chappell’s son), Steve and Wendy Shugert (John Shugert’s brother and sister-in-law).

### 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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