

✦ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

*Christ Arose*

Callahan

Bell Choir

\* Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**  
This is the good news we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:  
**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**  
That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day.  
**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**  
He appeared to the women, and to the twelve,  
and to many faithful witnesses.  
**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**  
At last he came to us, that we might come to believe  
and proclaim this good news to the world.  
**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

\* Prayer of the Day

\* Hymn 232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

*I Jesus Christ is risen today,  
Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day,  
Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross,  
Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss.  
Alleluia!*

*2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave,  
Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save.  
Alleluia!*

*3 But the pains which he endured,  
Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured.  
Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King,  
Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing.  
Alleluia!*

*4 Sing we to our God above,  
Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love.  
Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host,  
Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia!*

Prayer of Confession

**On this bright and joyful day,  
we bring our whole selves to you, great God,  
honestly naming the truth about our lives.  
We are sinking under piles of shame,  
judgment, and self-pity,  
feeling closer to hell than heaven.  
Christ, rend our veil of tears.  
Restore us. Renew us. Revive us.  
In the name of the risen Christ we pray...**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Passing of the Peace      May the Peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

\* Hymn 582      *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*  
*1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*  
  
*2 World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

<sup>17</sup>For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD— and their descendants as well. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Anthem

*Jesus is Risen!*

Martin

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:1-12

<sup>24</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen

cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Ervin

## ✦ Responding

\* Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I Believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our  
Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin  
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick  
and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

\* Hymn 248

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

*1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!*

*Celebrate this day of days!*

*Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:*

*all creation is amazed.*

*In the desert all-surrounding,*

*see, a spreading tree has grown.*

*Healing leaves of grace abounding*

*bring a taste of love unknown.*

*2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
from the caverns of despair.*

*Walk with gladness in the morning.*

*See what love can do and dare.*

*Drink the wine of resurrection,*

*not a servant, but a friend.*

*Jesus is our strong companion.*

*Joy and peace shall never end.*

*3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
nevermore shall be the same.*

*Break the bread of new creation*

*where the world is still in pain.*

*Tell its grim, demonic chorus:  
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us.  
Sing Hosanna everyone!*

## 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

### Sung call to Prayer

#### *Doxology*

Hymn 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### 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     *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Bach  
Alice Buzzard, *flute*

Prayer After Communion

### ✙ Sending

\* Hymn 246

*Christ Is Alive!*  
*1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.*  
*The cross stands empty to the sky.*  
*Let streets and homes with praises ring.*  
*Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*2 Christ is alive! No longer bound*  
*to distant years in Palestine,*  
*but saving, healing, here and now,*  
*and touching every place and time.*

*3 In every insult, rift, and war*  
*where color, scorn, or wealth divide,*  
*Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,*  
*and lives, where even hope has died.*

*4 Women and men, in age and youth,*  
*can feel the Spirit, hear the call,*  
*and find the way, the life, the truth,*  
*revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

*5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring*  
*good news to this and every age,*  
*till earth and sky and ocean ring*  
*with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

\* Choral Charge

*Tell It Out! He is Risen!*

Wetzler

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

*O Sons & Daughters, Let Us Sing*

Smith


## ✦ 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 this season, 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.

### **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).

 **Food Pantry Needs:** Peanut butter and pasta sauce, 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** resumes on Wednesday nights at 7 PM.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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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).

## 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



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