

✙ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Lord is sovereign; let the earth rejoice!

Psalm 97

**Righteousness and justice
are the foundation of God's throne.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord.

**The heavens proclaim God's righteousness,
and all peoples behold God's glory.**

For the Lord is most high over all the earth;
God is exalted above all gods.

Let us worship God!

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!*

*2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.*

*3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,*

*prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.*

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,
you have shown yourself to us in Jesus,
perfect in every way,
compassionate and kind,
faithful and loving,
gracious and hospitable.
We stumble and fall as we seek to follow him,
struggling to make his ways our ways.
Our sins are real, and they are many.
Forgive our failings
and encourage us to start again...**

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

John 17:20-26

20 “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, **21** that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,^[a] so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, **23** I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. **24** Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the

foundation of the world. **25** “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. **26** I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Anthem

Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

12 “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. **13** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” **14** Blessed are those who wash their robes,^[a] so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

16 “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” **17** The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

20 The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! **21** The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.^[h]

Sermon

Resurrection to Revelation

Rev. Daniel Ervin

✦ Responding

* Affirmation of Faith

**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 on 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 511

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

*1 Come, behold! the feast of heaven Alleluia!
has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia!
Hear the Word of God declared: Alleluia!
“Come! the banquet is prepared.” Alleluia!*

*2 All is ready, come attend Alleluia!
as the Lord’s invited friend; Alleluia!
come from north, west, south, and east; Alleluia!*

celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia!

*3 All who trust in God belong Alleluia!
at this banquet with this throng. Alleluia!
Share the mystic holy food; Alleluia!
taste and see: the Lord is good. Alleluia!*

*4 As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia!
here the hungry soul is filled; Alleluia!
here the weary are refreshed. Alleluia!
All who share God's feast are blessed. Alleluia!*

Announcements

Celebrating our Graduates

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.*

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Sung call to Prayer

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

Hymn 606

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 384

Soon and Very Soon

*1 Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!*

*2 No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!*

*3 No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!*

*4 Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!*

* 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.

Ministry Fair: Where is the Spirit calling you to serve? Sunday, June 8 after worship.


After worship on Pentecost, the Stewardship Committee invites you to a time of learning and fellowship in Fellowship Hall. Committees and ministries of the church and community will be there to help you connect your gifts to God's mission. Some examples: serve as liturgist during worship, fix a dish for Saturday Café, be a support to our deacons, and many more!


Celebration of Serving Nominations

The Presbytery is celebrating outstanding members whose commitment to the church's ministry serves as an inspiration to all of us. We invite YOU to submit the names of someone you wish to be recognized and celebrated at a Presbytery brunch in September. LoveJoy United's session will choose two of those nominations (one 50 and younger and one 50+) to the Presbytery. Please submit at lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps and click Celebration of Serving. The deadline for nominating is June 25.

Save the Date: Family Fun with Furry Friends Festival, Saturday, June 28, 2–4PM

Part party and part pet blessing, you're invited to enjoy some fellowship with all ages and all manner of (leashed) critters. We'll have hotdogs for the people, treats for the animals, and activities for children and families. Join us as we open our church home to our neighbors, human and otherwise.

 **We are not accepting compost at this time because our composter is full.** We will make an announcement when we need more compost. Thanks to all who contributed.

 **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.

- **Summer Adult Class on the Gospel of Mark**

Pastor Daniel will begin leading a class on the Gospel of Mark on June 1 at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Using curriculum by Amy-Jill Levine, we'll be exploring what scholars believe was the first Gospel to be written. Please sign up so we can order materials for you. Sign up on the table in the Narthex or at lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps.



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** on Wednesday nights at 7 PM.

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, John Kennedy, Renee Lynn, Kathie Luke (Julie Spurgeon's Sister), Forrest, David Hemphill, Linda Duncan, JoJo, Terrye Mock (Valerie Freeman's Sister-In-Law), Gary Chappell & Laurie Chappell (Edie Chappell's son and daughter-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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