

## ✝ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Fugue in C Major

Pachelbel/Livingston

Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 42)

As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for you, O God.

**Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

**Hope in God, for we shall again praise the Lord, our help and our God.**

\* Prayer of the Day

\* Hymn 409

*God is Here*

*1 God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.*

*2 Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.*

*3 Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore*

*what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.*

*4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!*

Prayer of Confession

**God of gospel freedom,  
we find it difficult to imagine that we could indeed be your  
children through faith.  
We cannot believe that we could belong to Christ and be  
heirs of the promise made to Abraham and his offspring.  
Help our unbelief; rekindle our imagination.  
Tame our rebellion.  
Bring us back to ourselves and to you.....**

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.*

✠ Word

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Galatians 3:23-29  
**23** Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. **24** Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. **25** But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, **26** for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. **27** As many of you as were

baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. **28** There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring,<sup>[a]</sup> heirs according to the promise.

## Second Reading

Luke 8:26-39

**26** Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes,<sup>[a]</sup> which is opposite Galilee. **27** As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn<sup>[b]</sup> no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. **28** When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"— **29** for Jesus<sup>[c]</sup> had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) **30** Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. **31** They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. **32** Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons<sup>[d]</sup> begged Jesus<sup>[e]</sup> to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. **33** Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. **34** When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. **35** Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. **36** Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. **37** Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes<sup>[f]</sup> asked Jesus<sup>[g]</sup> to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. **38** The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus<sup>[h]</sup> sent him away, saying, **39** "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

## Special Music

Only a Holy God

Sarah Carnes

City Alight

## Third Reading

1 Kings 19:1-15a

**19** Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. **2** Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." **3** Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

**4** But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came

and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” **5** Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” **6** He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. **7** The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” **8** He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. **9** At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” **10** He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

**11** He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; **12** and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. **13** When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” **14** He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” **15** Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

Sermon

Sandra Monroe

## ✦ Responding

\* Affirmation of Faith

*(from The Book of Order, F-1.0301)*

**The Church is the body of Christ.**

**Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body.**

**The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life  
as a community in the world:**

**The Church is to be a community of faith,**

**entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.**

**The Church is to be a community of hope,**

**rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ,**

**God is making a new creation.  
This new creation is a new beginning for  
human life and for all things.  
The Church lives in the present  
on the strength of that promised new creation.  
The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven,  
reconciliation is accomplished,  
and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.  
The Church is to be a community of witness,  
pointing beyond itself through word and work  
to the good news of God's transforming grace  
in Christ Jesus its Lord. Amen.**

\* Hymn 169

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

*1 \*Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.*

*2 In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian sea  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.*

*3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!*

*4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.*

*5 Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm!*

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.

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 676

*Day is Done*

1 Day is done, but love unfailing  
dwells ever here;  
shadows fall, but hope, prevailing,  
calms every fear.  
God, our Maker, none forsaking,  
take our hearts, of love's own making;  
watch our sleeping; guard our waking;  
be always near.

2 Dark descends, but light unending  
shines through our night;  
you are with us, ever lending  
new strength to sight:  
one in love, your truth confessing,  
one in hope of heaven's blessing,  
may we see, in love's possessing,

love's endless light!

3 Eyes will close, but you unsleeping  
watch by our side.  
Death may come; in love's safekeeping  
still we abide.  
God of love, all evil quelling,  
sin forgiving, fear dispelling,  
stay with us, our hearts indwelling,  
this eventide.

\* Charge & Benediction

\* Postlude

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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## ✚ 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.

### 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](https://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.

### Learn More about LoveJoy United - July 13

Everyone belongs at LoveJoy United. But if you're interested in learning more about the church or how to become a member, join us for a light luncheon after worship on July 13. We'll share about the ministries of the congregation, how you might get involved, and we'll give you a chance to ask questions. Let pastor Daniel know you're interested or go to [lovejoyupc.org](https://lovejoyupc.org) and click 'next steps' and choose Learn More About LoveJoy.

 **Food Pantry Needs:** Pasta and spaghetti sauce, your donations are always appreciated.

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

- **Sunday Morning Live** Is an informal, conversational class that seeks to connect scripture, theology, and faith to our lives and world. Each Sunday at 9:00, they meet in the Love Room and on Zoom. They relate current events to Scripture to create thought-provoking discussions via The Wired Word.
- **Summer Adult Class on the Gospel of Mark**  
Pastor Daniel is 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](http://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 Gremler & the Gremler 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 and Laurie Chappell (Edie Chappell's son and her 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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