

✦ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Hallelujah, Amen

Handel/Smith

Call to Worship

God hears our cries
and restores our troubled souls.
We can't keep silent.
We sing God's praises with joy!
God nurses and comforts us
until our hearts are strong like mountains.
We can't keep silent.
We sing God's praises with joy!
God's love sustains us to flourishing.
We can't keep silent.
We sing God's praises with joy!

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 733

We Are All One in Mission
1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming word.

*We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.*

Prayer of Confession

**God of perfect love,
you continually bring forth life,
transforming sadness to joy,
and despair to hope.
We are weak,
but you are strong.
Our ways are flawed,
but your ways are true.
We are seldom right,
but you are never wrong.
Forgive us, redeem us, transform us.
Take away the sin that burdens us,
and restore us to the people
you would have us be,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior...**

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

Special Music

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
Herbert Peel & Congregation

Hymn 354

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 66:1–9
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
2 sing the glory of his name;

give to him glorious praise.
 3 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
 Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.
 4 All the earth worships you;
 they sing praises to you,
 sing praises to your name."Selah

 5 Come and see what God has done:
 he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
 6 He turned the sea into dry land;
 they passed through the river on foot.
 There we rejoiced in him,
 7 who rules by his might forever,
 whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
 let the rebellious not exalt themselves.Selah

 8 Bless our God, O peoples,
 let the sound of his praise be heard,
 9 who has kept us among the living,
 and has not let our feet slip.

Second Reading

Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on
 ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself
 intended to go. 2 He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but
 the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send
 out laborers into his harvest. 3 Go on your way. See, I am
 sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no
 purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5
 Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' 6 And
 if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on
 that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same
 house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer
 deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8
 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat
 what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to
 them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'[b] 10 But
 whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out
 into its streets and say, 11 'Even the dust of your town that clings
 to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the
 kingdom of God has come near.
 16 "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects
 you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent
 me." 17 The seventy[a] returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your
 name even the demons submit to us!" 18 He said to them, "I
 watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. 19 See, I
 have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and

over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. 20
Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you,
but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Ervin

✦ Responding

* Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen**

* Hymn 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

*1 In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace
and gather a people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ’s death,
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.*

*2 In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.*

*3 In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach
the life-giving gospel; God’s love we will teach.*

*By grace may our living give proof to our praise
in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.*

*4 Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
for you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.*

Announcements

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 is the Soul's Sincere Desire

Duro

Prayer After Communion

✙ Sending

*Hymn 516

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

*1 For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.*

*2 By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.*

*3 With the saints who now adore you
seated at the heavenly board,
may the church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.*

*4 In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.*

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

Fugue in F Major

Bach

✙ 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.

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 and click 'next steps' and choose Learn More About LoveJoy.

LoveJoy Lyceum Book Club - July 16

Lyceum Book Club will meet via Zoom at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16. The book for this month is *James*, the 2025 Pulitzer Prize novel written by Percival Everett.

Sewing and Craft Circle is taking a break for the summer and will resume in September.

 **Food Pantry Needs:** Mac & cheese and toilet paper, 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 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 Gremling & the Gremling Family, Connor, JoAnn Lamar, Trans folks, Kenny Slayden, Connie, Ched, Mark Carter, 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



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& SIGNUPS**

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