

## ✙ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

*Song of the Morning*

Hughes

\* Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
**let all the faithful praise the Lord.**  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God.

\* Prayer of the Day

\* Hymn 263

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

*1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!*

*2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!*

*3 Let every kindred, every tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!*

*4 O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all!*

Prayer of Confession

**God of the ages,  
as we remember the saints  
who have gone before us,  
we are grateful for their witness  
and humbled by their example.  
Though they have marked well  
the path of faith,  
following in that way is hard for us.  
We drift and waver.  
We resist and rebel.  
Remind us that the saints before us  
were not perfect,  
just forgiven,  
and saved by grace.  
We ask for that forgiveness,  
and we pray for the courage  
to trust in that grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

Anthem

*Feed Me, Lord*

Dvorak/Liebergen  
Amber Blackmon(flute)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been

encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient,[a] because she had received the spies in peace.

32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two,[b] they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,[c] and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of[d] the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Sermon

*Joy with the Saints*

Rev. Daniel Ervin

## ✚ Responding

\* Affirmation of Faith

*From Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39*

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,**

**nor powers, no height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\* Hymn 817

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

*1 We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."*

*2 We may not touch your hands and side,  
nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found.*

*4 And when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.*

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.*

Stewardship Stories

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Hymn 692

*Spirit, Open My Heart, refrain  
Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open my heart.*

## 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

*Elevations*

Benoit

## Prayer After Communion

✠ Sending

## \* Hymn 326

*For All the Saints*

*1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2 *Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

3 *O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

4 *And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

5 *From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

\* Charge & Benediction

\* Postlude

*Allegro Vivace*

Handel/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*.

## ✝️ 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.

**Leaf Peeping & Lunch Bus Trip Hosted by the Fellowship Committee: Today at 11:30 AM.** Great River Road & Pere Marquette Lodge - Room for 49 Guests - Door Prizes!!!! Grand Prize!!!! There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

**Fellowship Committee Meeting** has been rescheduled to 11/9 after worship in Fellowship Hall.

 **Joy In Giving: Stewardship for 2026** As our church leaders plan for our ministries next year, we invite you to consider how God is calling you to give. Please return a pledge card in the offering basket, church office, or submit your pledge online at [lovejoyupc.org/pledge](https://lovejoyupc.org/pledge).

 **Seeking Nominations for Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee.** Our Congregational Nominating Committee is beginning their work to discern who will next serve in leadership at LoveJoy United. Please submit nominations at [lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps](http://lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps) and click “Nominations.”

 **Prayer Buddies:** Come Support a kid for the school year by being their prayer buddy. If you know a kid, a grandkid, anyone in school let us know so we can pair them up with someone not in school so they can have prayer buddy. A sign up sheet is on the table in the Narthex and at [lovejoyupc.org](http://lovejoyupc.org) and click next steps.

 **Food Pantry Needs:** Peanut Butter your donations are always appreciated.

#### **A Place of Grace Card Party Fundraiser - November 7, 2025 9AM - 2PM**

Asbury Village, 5201 Asbury Avenue, Godfrey, IL A Place of Grace will host a table at the Bazaar selling cards to benefit the five local agencies with which we work throughout the year. We will also have artwork for sale to benefit A Place of Grace. We hope to see you there! <https://www.asburyvillagegodfrey.com/events/>

#### **A Place of Grace Mission Madness Retreat at RFM - November 12, 2025 9AM - 12PM**

We will meet in the parking lot behind RFM at 8:45 for our morning Examen practice. Come help us support the work of this amazing agency in the riverbend community! [RSVP to aplaceofgrace-juliegville.net](https://www.aplaceofgrace-juliegville.net) by 11/5 to let us know you are going!

#### **A Place of Grace Online Faithbooking Retreat - November 12, 2025 6PM - 8PM (Zoom)**

Online Faithbooking Retreats provide sacred space for paper crafters to reflect on God's activity in their lives through junk journaling. Cutting instructions will go out in the November 3rd Grace Grams. Text Julie at 618-410-5060 for a materials list by 11/5.

#### **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](#).
- **The Bible Class: Introduction to the Old Testament with Dr. Ryan Harris**  
If you've ever felt like the Old Testament is hard to understand, unapproachable, or just plain confusing, this class is for you. We will be looking at the Old Testament in a variety of ways, with a focus on giving you new methods and tools for understanding the Old Testament and applying it to life. Class starts at 9 AM on Sunday, September 7. [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 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. 3

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

JoAnn Moss, Pat Fletcher, 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), Cathy Lister (Karen Auston's sister), Barb (Linda Smith's daughter), Paula Blair, Jeane Slayden, Mike Carnes, Eli (The Paddock's grandson).

#### **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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