

✚ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

* Call to Worship

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating.

**O sing to the Lord a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.**

**God has remembered his steadfast love
and faithfulness.**

I will rejoice and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard.

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and faithfulness.**

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 383

Dream On, Dream On

*1 Dream on, dream on, children of peace, Till on earth God's
kingdom come. Wolf and lamb will feed together; lions Like oxen
will eat straw. Dust shall be the Serpent's food; no one shall
destroy Or hurt. Children of earth in all colors. Live in peace
and harmony.*

*2 Hope on, hope on, Easter people: beyond The cross, a dawning
sun. Christ, our peace, Broke down all barriers: nation, culture,
tribe, And clan. Reconciling us to God, Christ made Us one
human race, joined in peace and liberation, lead by justice hope
and love.*

*3 Mount up, mount up, like an eagle to the heights, beyond the
clouds. Strife and sorrow shall not stop you; pain and tears shall
lose their power. Even though the young may stumble, God the
Lord renews their strength. They shall run and not grow weary;
They shall walk and not faint.*

Prayer of Confession

**Majestic Creator,
we fail to believe we carry your image**

**and we fail to behave as those
who belong to you.
Mighty Savior,
we turn from your path of sacrificial love
and we turn toward
our personal preferences.
Merciful Spirit,
we forget your call to righteousness
and we forget our need of you.
In our sinfulness, triune God,
we seek now your forgiveness,
praying that you will relieve
the burden of our regrets
by the power of your patient love...**

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

Isaiah 65:17-25
For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
18 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.
19 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.
 20 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.
 21 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
 22 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.
 23 They shall not labor in vain,
 or bear children for calamity;^[a]
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
 and their descendants as well.
 24 Before they call I will answer,
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.
 25 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

Second Reading

Luke 21:5-19

5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was
 adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said,
 6 “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not
 one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”
 7 They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be
 the sign that this is about to take place?” 8 And he said, “Beware
 that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and
 say, ‘I am he!’^[a] and, ‘The time is near!’^[b] Do not go after
 them. 9 “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be
 terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will
 not follow immediately.” 10 Then he said to them, “Nation will
 rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; 11 there will
 be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues;
 and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.
 12 “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute
 you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you
 will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.
 13 This will give you an opportunity to testify. 14 So make up
 your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; 15 for I will
 give you words^[c] and a wisdom that none of your opponents
 will be able to withstand or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed

even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. 17 You will be hated by all because of my name. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Sermon

✦ 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 819

Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

Leave to thy God to order and provide,

who through all changes faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend

through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

*2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.*

Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;

all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know

his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

*3 Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord;*

when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,

sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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 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.*

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 838

Standing on the Promises

*1 Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.*

*Refrain:
Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.*

*2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)*

*3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,*

standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

*4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)*

* 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*. We welcome Karen Carroll as our guest musician today.

✚ 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.

 **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.

 **Fellowship Hour:** Join us for pie and coffee (or tea) after worship today in fellowship hall.

 **The Memorial Service for Sherry Davis** will be Thursday, November 20 at 11 AM in the sanctuary. The family will receive visitors beginning at 10 AM. A meal will follow the service in Fellowship Hall.

 **Christian Formation Committee Meeting:** Today after worship.

LoveJoy Lyceum Book Club: Meets this Wednesday at 7:15pm. This month's book is *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger.

Game Day: November Game Day is 11/22 from 2 - 5pm; December Game Day is 12/20 from noon - 3pm or whenever.

Family Movie Night: Sunday, November 23 at 6 PM Free dinner followed by a viewing of the hilarious movie at 7pm, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. **Sign-up Sheet is on the table in the narthex!**

 **Red Cross Blood Drive:** December 4th at 2-6pm. Sign up at lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps.

 **Food Pantry Needs:** Personal Care Items. Shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. Your donations allow us to help others and are always appreciated.

 **Christmas Boxes:** Please see our Christmas Food Box display in the narthex and take a flier if you'd like to donate.

 **Christmas Bake Sale** – Our Christmas Bake Sale will be December 13th. Save The Date!

Lunch Bunch will not be hosting a vaccine clinic this year.

 **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.
- **Bible Class: New Advent Sunday School Series starts November 30 at 9AM**, The Rev. Dr. Linda Shugert lead us as we begin a series called "Through the Wilderness: Healing for a Weary World." Join us as we hear the prophet Isaiah speak into our own weary world.

 **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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

JoAnn Moss, Pat Fletcher, John Gremler & the Gremler 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), David Norris.

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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