

✝ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Fugue in C Major

Pachelbel/Livingston

\* Call to Worship

Jesus the Christ has freed us from death  
and brought us into new life.

**Through Christ, we have faith and hope in God.**

In genuine, mutual love,  
let us worship with one heart and one voice.

**In reverence and joy, we praise God's holy name!**

\* Prayer of the Day

\* Hymn #353

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

*I My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

*Refrain:*

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*2 When darkness seems to hide his face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)*

*3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)*

*4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)*

Prayer of Confession

**Eternally patient God,  
we ask again and again,  
"What should we do?"  
And again and again, you tell us,**

**“Repent and return to me.  
Yet we have not changed our ways.  
We fall into old habits,  
cling to our own ways,  
and take for granted the grace you have given us.  
Once again, we ask you for forgiveness.  
Show us the way forward  
and help us return, once again, to you...”**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

\* Response

*Christ Is Risen*

*Vladimir Morosan*  
In American Folk Style

*Christ is risen from the dead,  
trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs  
bestowing life.*

## ✦ Word

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Genesis 3:1-13

**3** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” **2** The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; **3** but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” **4** But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; **5** for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,<sup>[a]</sup> knowing good and evil.” **6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. **8** They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” **10** He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” **11** He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” **12** The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” **13** Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What

is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

Anthem

Go Into The World

Sleeth

Second Reading

Luke 24:13-35

**13** Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem, **14** and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. **15** While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, **16** but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. **17** And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.<sup>[b]</sup> **18** Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" **19** He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth,<sup>[c]</sup> who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, **20** and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. **21** But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.<sup>[d]</sup> Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. **22** Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, **23** and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. **24** Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." **25** Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! **26** Was it not necessary that the Messiah<sup>[e]</sup> should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" **27** Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. **28** As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. **29** But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. **30** When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. **31** Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. **32** They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us<sup>[f]</sup> while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" **33** That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. **34** They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" **35** Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon

Dr. Ryan Harris

✦ Responding

\* Affirmation of Faith

*From the Confession of 1967*  
**Life in Christ is life eternal.  
The resurrection of Jesus is the sign  
that God will consummate the work  
of creation and reconciliation beyond death  
and bring to fulfillment  
the new life begun in Christ.**

\* Hymn 498

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*  
*1 Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
by the Galilean shore.  
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven,  
was their food forevermore.  
By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*2 Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
in a quiet room one night.  
In the bread and wine you gave them,  
Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*3 Loaves are broken, words are spoken,  
as in faith we gather here.  
Jesus speaks across the ages:  
"I am with you; do not fear!"  
By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*4 By the loaves you break and give us,  
send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger,  
words that tell your love and care.  
By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

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 Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer 470

*There is a Longing in Our Hearts*

*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,  
for you to reveal yourself to us.*

*There is a longing in our hearts for love  
we only find in you, our God.*

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 #450

*Be Thou My Vision*

*1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

\* Charge & Benediction

\* Postlude

Come, Thou Almighty King

Hughes


## ✦ 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.

 **Earth Day Celebration:** Next Sunday, April 26, following worship, LoveJoy UPC will be celebrating Earth Day and also our 10-year anniversary of being an Earth Care Congregation. We will have a speaker from Prairie Land Conservancy. Lunch will be served!

 **Food Pantry Needs: Toilet Tissue**

### **Grace at the Gallery: Audiendo Divina Retreat April 21, 2026 7:30 AM at Von Dell Gallery & Studios**

I wonder what your idea of a soundtrack of creation would sound like? On Tuesday, April 21st, we'll explore that idea with instruments during our Audiendo Divina retreats! Check the Grace at the Gallery schedule, and join us for a taste of Audiendo Divina or a full experience.

Please RSVP via the web site: <https://www.aplaceofgrace-juliegville.net/upcoming-events>

### **Boomwhacker Choir Retreat: April 22, 2026 6PM at Von Dell Gallery & Studios**

Boomwhackers are plastic tubes played by "whacking" them with your hand. No previous musical experience is required to play in a Boomwhacker Choir. What you can expect: learning to read music, reflection on and conversation around the lyrics of hymns of faith and the ways in which we connect with them, and an opportunity to play music in community with others. Please RSVP via the website: <https://www.aplaceofgrace-juliegville.net/upcoming-events>

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

- **Sunday Morning Live (Love Room & Zoom)** Is an informal, conversational class that seeks to connect scripture, theology, and faith to our lives and world. They relate current events to Scripture to create thought-provoking discussions via *The Wired Word*.
- **The Bible Class (Fellowship Hall & Zoom)**, led by Sandra Monroe, is exploring the lectionary readings using the curriculum, *Feasting on the Word*.

### **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 Gremlı & the Gremlı Family, JoAnn Lamar, Trans folks, Kenny Slayden, Connie, Mark Carter, Tom and Jupiter, Shelly Devore (Brenda and Deb's niece), Brittany, Bill Lester, Lanny Harris, John Kennedy, Renee Lynn, Forrest, David Hemphill, Linda Duncan, 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, David Norris, Jo Carter, Julie Spurgeon, Tom Cunningham (friend of Paula Blair), Connie Anderson (member of College Avenue), Steve Burton & Sean Boston (relatives of Lynn Boston), Chad Cox (friend of Mike Paddock) Joyce Melton (Faye Buerk's friend), Joe Phillips, Huey (Sandy Franke's Son).

### **NURSING & RETIREMENT HOME RESIDENTS**

Liberty Village, Maryville – Shirley Martin  
Villa Rose, Bethalto – Beth Forrester  
Cedarhurst, Bethalto – Mary Barnes, Linda Duncan, Lee McCoy  
Liberty Village, Jerseyville – Shirley Burris  
Villas of Holly Brook – Jeane Slayden



**NEXT STEPS  
& SIGNUPS**

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