

✦ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Pasticcio

Langlais

* Call to Worship

Reading

* Invitation to the Dance

“A Rushing Wind” from May I Have This Dance

Joyce Rupp

Hymn 408

There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

Refrain:

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.*

*There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you’re the one to profit when you say,
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.” (Refrain)*

Prayer of Confession

O God, who sent gifts of the Holy Spirit to those first saints, we know you continue to send gifts to us even though we do not claim them. Move us to use the gifts you so freely give. We confess to the babble within us and among us that we allow to quench the fire of your Spirit. Our prayer this Pentecost Day is that you might silence within us the noise of the world so that we might hear the music and feel the energy you bring to our lives. AMEN.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

* Hymn Response 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*
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.

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

Joel 2:21-29

²¹ Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the LORD has done great things!
²² Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit;
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
²³ O children of Zion, be glad,
and rejoice in the LORD your God,
for he has given the early rain for your vindication;
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
²⁴ The threshing floors shall be full of grain;
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
²⁵ I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army that I sent against you.
²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
²⁸ Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days I will pour out my spirit.

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-18

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." **12** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" **13** But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. **15** Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. **16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Linda Shugert

✦ Responding

* Affirmation of Faith

*From A Brief Statement of Faith***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 power.**

**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 157

I Danced in the Morning

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

Refrain:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. (Refrain)*

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)*

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)*

*They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)*

Announcements

Celebrating Our Graduates

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

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.**

Communion

You will be served communion in your pew, and everyone will partake of the elements together.

✦ Sending

* Hymn 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

*Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision;
help us face each crucial hour.*

*Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.*

*We would raise our alleluias
for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
bear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.*

*Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.*

* Charge & Benediction

We are sent out to live and work as Jesus did.

The Holy Spirit has come to inspire and equip us.

We will testify to the good news of God's love.

We will heed the Spirit's promptings this week.

Amen.

* Postlude


Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Smith

✦ Worship Notes

Ann French is our Director of Music. Thanks to Michael & Robert Musgrave-Perkins 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*.

✦ Announcements

Announcements marked with  are opportunities that relate to our Matthew 25 commitment.

Food Pantry Needs: Canned Vegetables

New Administrative Assistant and new office hours!

We welcome Hollie Brandstatter as our new administrative assistant. She comes to us having previously served in a similar role at First United Presbyterian Church in Granite City. Hollie will continue to use the same email address: admin@lovejoyupc.org. **Our church office hours are also changing. Hollie will be in the office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday from 9am to 2pm.**

A Place of Grace Camp: Mission Madness - May 26th at 8AM @ LoveJoy United in Fellowship Hall

Mission Madness Week! During that week, we work with all five of the agencies we work with through the year, plus we engage in a number of additional Mission Madness activities including the assembly of Good Samaritan bags and Random Acts of Kindness and Mission Madness Workshop crafting. Contact Julie for more information and to register by May 20th. Please RSVP via the web site: <https://www.aplaceofgrace-juliegillo.net/upcoming-events>

Monsters of the Apocalypse: The Bible Class beginning May 31 at 9am

Join pastor Daniel for a fun, five-week summer Sunday school series beginning on May 31 at 9am. Dragons. Beasts. A great prostitute drunk on the blood of the saints. The book of Revelation has some of the most vivid and strange imagery in all of scripture. Its author, John of Patmos, had some very specific things to say about empire, power, and where our loyalty belongs. Come discover how God might still be speaking through these ancient and powerful words.

A Place of Grace: Intergenerational Spiritual Formation Retreats - June 9th at 9AM, Von Dell Gallery & Studios, 102 E Ferguson, Wood River, IL Parents and Grandparents, this is for you! The two-hour retreat times during June Grace at the Gallery Tuesdays will focus on intergenerational spiritual formation retreats. Come and engage in creative spiritual practices with your child(ren)/grandchild(ren) June 9, 16, 23, and 30, during the morning and afternoon retreats (9-11 a.m. and 1:15-3:15 p.m.). Register with Julie or at: website: <https://www.aplaceofgrace-juliegillo.net/upcoming-events>

✦ Calendar and Prayer Requests

✦ This Week at LoveJoy United

Sunday, May 24
8:45 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9 am Sunday Morning Live (Love Rm & Zoom)
9 am The Bible Class (FH & Zoom)
10:15 am Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)
11:15 am Fellowship Hour (FH)

Monday, May 25
9 am Food Pantry (FH)
10 am Mat Weaving (FH)

Tuesday, May 26
9 am Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, May 27
10:15 am Lectionary Bible Study (FH & Zoom)
11:30 am Lunch Bunch
9 am The Bible Class (FH & Zoom)
7 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, May 28
6 pm Session Meeting (FH & Zoom)

Saturday, May 30
2 pm Game Day (FH)

Sunday, May 31
8:45 am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9 am Sunday Morning Live (Love Rm & Zoom)
9 am The Bible Class (FH & Zoom)
10:15 am Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)
11:15 am Fellowship Hour (FH)

✦ In our Prayers

Barb (Linda Smith's daughter)	John Gremlí & the Gremlí Family
Becky Pontieri (Friend of Deb Goskie)	John Kennedy
Bill Lester	Joyce Melton (Faye Buerk's friend)
Brittany	Joya Freeman (Valerie and Joe's DIL)
Cathy Lister (Karen Auston's sister)	Julie Spurgeon
Chad Cox (friend of Mike Paddock)	Kenny Slayden
Connie	Lanny Harris
Connie Anderson (College Avenue)	Linda Duncan
David Hemphill	Mark Carter
David Norris	Pat Fletcher
Forrest	Paula Blair
Gary Chappell and Laurie Chappell (Edie Chappell's Family)	Renee Lynn
Huey (Sandy Franke's Son)	Steve Burton & Sean Boston (Lynn Boston's Family)
Jeane Slayden	Terrye Mock (Joe Freeman's Sister)
Jo Carter	Tom and Jupiter
JoAnn Lamar	Tom Cunningham (friend of Paula Blair)
JoAnn Moss	Trans folks
Joe Phillips	

Nursing and 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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