

✦ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

In The Garden  
Miles/Dobrinski

Bell Choir

\* Call to Worship

O Lord, our Lord,  
**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God.

\* Prayer of the Day

*Creator God,*

\* Hymn 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Prayer of Confession

**Majestic God,  
You have called us to live in peace,  
but we turn to conflict and hatred.  
You yearn for us to work together,  
but we keep finding reasons to dismiss each other.  
Forgive us and show us a better way  
to be your people, your body,  
your church...**

## 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

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Choral Anthem

We Will Walk in the Light

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Second Reading

Matthew 28:16–20

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Ervin

## ✦ Responding

**Jesus Christ is God with humankind.  
He is the eternal Son of the Father,  
who became human and lived among us  
to fulfill the work of reconciliation.  
He is present in the church  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to continue and complete his mission.  
This work of God,  
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
is the foundation of all confessional statements  
about God, humanity, and the world.  
Therefore, the church calls all people  
to be reconciled to God and to one another. Amen.**

\* Hymn 260

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."*

*Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?*

*Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*

*Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.  
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.*

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

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 757

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

*Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.*

*God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race  
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.*

*Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,  
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.*

*May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.*

\* 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


Holy, Holy, Holy


Dykes/Hughes

## ✠ 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:** Peanut Butter (16 oz size jar)

### **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](mailto:admin@lovejoyupc.org). **Our church office hours are also changing. Hollie will be in the office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday from 9am to 2pm.**

### **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.

**The Building & Grounds committee will be hosting an Outdoor Cleanup Day on Saturday, June 6 from 9am-1pm ( weather permitting).** We will be weeding, trimming maybe some window cleaning and any other general clean up we can think of. So bring you gloves, hat and any tools you think you might need ( or ask us if we already have what you need.)

**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>

**Memorial Service for Dixie Engelman Join us after worship (11:45a) on June 14** for a Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Dixie, who died on April 20.

**Service of Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament for Sandra Monroe, June 14 at 3PM.** Join us and the Presbytery of Giddings–Lovejoy as we ordain one of our very own, Sandra Monroe, to the ministry of Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church. Former pastor of College Avenue, Rev. Dale Jackson, will be preaching. Worship and a reception will all take place at LoveJoy United.

# ✦ Calendar and Prayer Requests

## ✦ This Week at LoveJoy United

**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)

**Monday, June 1**  
**9 am** Food Pantry (FH)  
**10 am** Mat Weaving (FH)

**Tuesday, June 2**  
**9 am** Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
**6 pm** Mission and Outreach Meeting

**Wednesday, June 3**  
**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)

**Saturday, June 6**  
**9 am** Spring Cleaning Day

**Sunday, June 7**  
**8:45 am** Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
**9 am** Sunday Morning Live (Love Rm & Zoom)  
**9 am** The Bible Class (FH & Zoom)  
**10:15 am** Communion Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)  
**11:15 am** Fellowship Hour (FH)

## ✦ In our Prayers

Barb (Linda Smith's daughter)	John Gremlı & the Gremlı 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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