

✦ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude *I Will Always Be With You* Linda Allen (harp)  
Amy Camie

\* Call to Worship What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear;  
**what a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer.** Ken Webster

\* Prayer of the Day

\* Hymn 19

*God of Great and God of Small*

*<sup>1</sup> God of great and God of small,  
God of one and God of all,  
God of weak and God of strong,  
God to whom all things belong,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
praise be to your name.*

*<sup>2</sup> God of land and sky and sea,  
God of life and destiny,  
God of never-ending power,  
yet beside me every hour,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
praise be to your name.*

*<sup>3</sup> God of silence, God of sound,  
God by whom the lost are found,  
God of day and darkest night,  
God whose love turns wrong to right,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
praise be to your name.*

*<sup>4</sup> God of heaven and God of earth,  
God of death and God of birth,  
God of now and days before,  
God who reigns forevermore,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
praise be to your name.*

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,  
we try to follow your word:  
to put others above ourselves,  
to remember that we are all bound together as your beloved children,  
to seek the common good instead of our own interests.  
But it is so easy for our lesser selves to get the better of us.  
We succumb to jealousy, vindictiveness,  
callousness, and indifference.  
In your mercy, send your healing  
to those we have hurt,  
and to our own misguided souls  
so that we may follow you once more...**

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.*

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❖ Word

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

<sup>1</sup>Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.

<sup>2</sup>Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; <sup>3</sup>be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all day long.

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

<sup>4</sup> Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.  
<sup>6</sup> Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my cry of supplication.  
<sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I call on you,  
for you will answer me.  
<sup>8</sup> There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.  
<sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made shall come  
and bow down before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.  
<sup>10</sup> For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.  
<sup>16</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
give your strength to your servant;  
save the child of your maidservant.  
<sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,  
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Special Music

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Cindy Blevins

Linda Allen (harp)

Second Reading

Genesis 21:8-21

<sup>8</sup> The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. <sup>9</sup> But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. <sup>10</sup> So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac."<sup>11</sup> The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. <sup>12</sup> But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. <sup>13</sup> As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."<sup>14</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

<sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. <sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. <sup>18</sup> Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him."<sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

<sup>20</sup> God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. <sup>21</sup> He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Ervin

## ✦ Responding

\* Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose  
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right  
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic  
Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the  
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* Hymn 850

*In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness*

<sup>1</sup> *In a deep, unbounded darkness,  
long before the first light shone,  
you, O God, beyond all merit  
worked a wonder faith makes know:  
in your mercy, in your mercy,  
you embraced us as your own,  
evermore and evermore.*

<sup>2</sup> *Though our world is ever-changing,  
you are constant, firm, and sure,  
faithful to your covenant promise.  
Trusting you, we live, secure:  
singing praises, singing praises,  
long as heart and breath endure,  
evermore and evermore.*

<sup>3</sup> *Joy transforms our lips to boasting  
only in your matchless grace,  
sending Christ to dwell among us,  
Word made flesh in time and space:  
Friend and Savior, Friend and Savior,  
in whose life we glimpse your face,  
evermore and evermore.*

<sup>4</sup> *God of Hagar, God of Sarah,  
God of nomad Abraham;  
God of Miryam, God of Moses,  
Fiery Pillar, great I am:  
lead us homeward, lead us homeward,  
to the love-feast of the Lamb,  
evermore and evermore.*

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 of Joys and Concerns

Sung Call to Prayer 465, v. 1 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

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 833

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

*<sup>1</sup> O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.*

**Commented [1]:** @c.a.french51@gmail.com Ann - wanted to see if you'd be open to trying this new tune. I'll send you an extra email. Words are the same as the version in our hymnal.  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1\\_lkOLNbnq7GCL2Wtoo9rYpY9VE4BbOpXm/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_lkOLNbnq7GCL2Wtoo9rYpY9VE4BbOpXm/view?usp=sharing)

<sup>2</sup> *O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.*

<sup>3</sup> *O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain  
that morn shall tearless be.*

<sup>4</sup> *O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.*

\* Charge & Benediction

\* Postlude

How Firm A Foundation

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:** 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 have changed. Hollie will be in the office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday from 9am to 2pm.**

### 🌱 **Monsters of the Apocalypse: The Bible Class**

Join pastor Daniel for a fun, five-week summer Sunday school series going on now 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.

### **Boomwhacker Choir Retreat - June 24th at 6PM**

Von Dell Gallery & Studios, 102 E Ferguson, Wood River, IL What do the lyrics of the hymns you sing mean to you? Reflect on this and other questions and learn to play them in community with simple plastic tube instruments, all while having fun!

### **Our church will host our next blood drive on Wednesday, June 24 from 1 to 6 pm.**

The Red Cross recently issued a critical call for blood donors to prevent severe shortages as the summer "trauma season" begins. Every donation has the potential to be life saving for the recipient.

### **Jigsaw Puzzle Competition – Thursday, June 25, 6:30–9pm**

Operation Blessing, People That Care, Inc. — a food pantry we support here in the Wood River area — is hosting a Jigsaw Puzzle Competition at Knights of Columbus Hall, 1713 Stamper Lane, Godfrey. Teams of up to 6 compete to finish a 500-piece puzzle fastest for a cash prize, with raffles and a cash bar — doors open at 6:00. Entry is \$120 per team; register at [bit.ly/3R5lhKK](https://bit.ly/3R5lhKK) or find them on Facebook at [facebook.com/OperationBlessingWoodRiver](https://facebook.com/OperationBlessingWoodRiver).

### **OWL Discernment Conversations, June 28.**

The Session is discerning whether LoveJoy United should become a permanent Overnight Warming Location site, and your input matters. Join us for worship on June 28 as we hear Peter Hough from the OWL preach, followed by a conversation hosted by the Mission and Outreach Committee.

## ✦ Calendar and Prayer Requests

### ✦ This Week at LoveJoy United

#### Sunday, June 21

##### Father's Day

- 9 am Sunday Morning Live (Love Rm & Zoom)
- 9 am The Bible Class (FH & Zoom)
- 10:15 am Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)
- 11:30 am Worship Committee Decorating Sanctuary

#### Monday, June 22

- 9 am The Bible Class (FH & Zoom)
- 10 am Mat Weaving (FH)

#### Wednesday, June 24

- 10:15 am Lectionary Bible Study (FH & Zoom)
- 11:30 am Lunch Bunch
- 1 pm + Red Cross Blood Drive
- 7 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

#### Thursday, June 25

- 6:30 pm ~~SESSION MEETING~~ — CANCELLED

#### NEXT Sunday, June 28

- 9 am Sunday Morning Live (Love Rm & Zoom)
- 9 am The Bible Class (FH & Zoom)
- 10:15 am Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)
- 11:30 am Fellowship Hour
- 11:30 am Christian Faith Formation Meeting
- 11:45 am OWL Discernment Conversations

### ✦ In our Prayers

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| Barb (Linda Smith's daughter)                              | John Gremli & the Gremli 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   | Jane Heppner                                      |
| 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   | Winnie Whittaker                                  |

#### 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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