

✦ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Prelude in B-Flat Major

J.S. Bach

* Call to Worship

The Word cries out and awaits our response.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

Let all else fall away.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Jesus calls us: Follow me.

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 301

Let us Build a House

¹ *Let us build a house where love can dwell*

and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell

how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

² *Let us build a house where prophets speak,*

and words are strong and true,

where all God's children dare to seek

to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness

and as symbol of God's grace;

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (Refrain)

*³ Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)*

*⁴ Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain)*

*⁵ Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)*

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess
that we have wandered from your light.
We follow paths of self-indulgence,
instead of focusing on our need of you.
We passively accept
the suffering of the world,
expecting others to stand up and work
for the change we would like to see.
Lord, in your strength,
renew us and compel us by your invitation
that we may work to pursue
your justice and mercy for all people,
sharing your light in ways great and small...**

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

Luke 4.14-30

¹⁴ Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Second Reading

Isaiah 61.4-9

⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins;
 they shall raise up the former devastations;
 they shall repair the ruined cities,
 the devastations of many generations.

⁵ Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks;
 foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines,

⁶ but you shall be called priests of the LORD;
 you shall be named ministers of our God;
 you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
 and in their riches you shall glory.

⁷ Because their shame was double
 and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,
 therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;
 everlasting joy shall be theirs.

⁸ For I, the LORD, love justice,
 I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
 I will faithfully give them their recompense,
 and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations
 and their offspring among the peoples;
 all who see them shall acknowledge
 that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

Sermon

Pastor Peter Hough

✦ 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 772

Live into Hope

¹ *Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God's own jubilee!*

² *Live into hope! The blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.*

³ *Live into hope of liberty,
the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread,
to hear God's word and thus be fed.*

⁴ *Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.*

Announcements

A word from Megan Armentrout–Steward, Executive Director of the Greater Alton Community Development Corporation, under which the OWLs are organized.

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 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

**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 767

Together We Serve

¹ *Together we serve,
united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray
through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.*

² *We seek to become
a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.*

³ *We welcome the scarred,
the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home
to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.*

⁴ *Together, by grace,
we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve
in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.*

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude


Fugue in B-Flat Major

J.S. Bach

✦ 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

 **OWL Discernment Conversations, Today! June 28.**

The Session is discerning how LoveJoy United might be called to respond to a need to be 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

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

Monday, June 29

- 10 am** Mat Weaving (Hope Room)

Wednesday, July 1

- 10:15 am** Lectionary Bible Study (FH & Zoom)
- 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch

NEXT Sunday, July 5

- 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** Coffee Break

✦ In our Prayers

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| 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 | 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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