

✦ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Cloister Bells

Arcadelt

* Call to Worship

Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with a song.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

*O God, who gives us life and breath,
who shapes us in the womb,
who guards our lives from birth to death,
then leads us from the tomb:
deliver us from fears that kill
the life we have from you.
Help us to know your Spirit still
is making all things new.*

*O God, who calls your people out
to venture and to dare,
to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt
and find you even there:
when we despair in wandering
through wastes of empty lies,
refresh us with the living spring
of hope that never dies.*

*O God of covenant and law,
revealed in cloud and flame,
your mighty deeds evoke our awe;
we dare not speak your name.
Yet we by faith are drawn to you
and will your people prove,
as on our hearts you write anew
the covenant of love.*

Prayer of Confession

**God of our salvation,
incline your ear to us.
You have given us power:
power to heal, to bring hope,
to comfort, to restore.
But we ignore that power,
choosing to live our own lives.
At worst, we abuse that power,
storing up riches for ourselves
without an eye for the needs of others.
Forgive us. Remind us of our call
to proclaim your good news,
and to welcome each other
as we would welcome you...**

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

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

¹I love the Lord because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

¹²What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord;

I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

Second Reading

Genesis 18:1–15

¹The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

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 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.*

*Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.*

Announcements

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

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 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(Refrain)*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)*

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude


Praise God, the Lord


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✦ 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. **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

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.

Memorial for Dixie Engelman

Join us after worship (11:45a) today 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, TODAY 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.

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/3R5IhKK or find them on Facebook at 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 14
9 am Sunday Morning Live (Love Rm & Zoom)
9 am The Bible Class (FH & Zoom)
10:15 am Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)
11:15 am Dixie Engelman Memorial
3 pm Ordination Service for Sandra Monroe

Monday, June 15
10 am Mat Weaving (FH)

Tuesday, June 16
6 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 17
10:15 am Lectionary Bible Study (FH & Zoom)
11:30 am Lunch Bunch
7 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)
7:15 pm LoveJoy Lyceum Bookclub (Zoom)

Friday, June 19
Juneteenth
2 pm ACE Committee Meeting

Saturday, June 20
Saturday Cafe (First Presbyterian Church,
401 Market St. Alton, IL 62002)
9 am **Session Retreat**

NEXT 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

✦ 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	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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