

✦ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

* Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is judge.

Ryan Harris

Let us offer God a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 515

I Come with Joy

*I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.*

*The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.*

*Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
we acknowledge our guilt,
and seek your face and your forgiveness.
For we have not offered steadfast love
to you or each other.
We have not moved forward in faith,
but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear.
Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you,
rejoicing in the knowledge of your love...**

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 50:7-15

⁷ "Hear, O my people, and I will speak,
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
⁸ Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
⁹ I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.
¹⁰ For every wild animal of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.
¹¹ I know all the birds of the air,^[a]
and all that moves in the field is mine.

- ¹² "If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and all that is in it is mine.
¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?
¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,[Ⓜ]
and pay your vows to the Most High.
¹⁵ Call on me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

Second Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner[Ⓜ] in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting[Ⓜ] with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Ervin

✦ Responding

* Affirmation of Faith

From the Confession of 1967

**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 506

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

*Look who gathers at Christ's table!
Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping; some are laughing;
some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited,
burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome.
There is room for everyone.*

*Clouds of light surround the table;
ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they wrestled
with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying
Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts
to obliterate the light.*

*Their sad stories are repeated
in a thousand different ways,
but they share one thing in common:
they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited
north and south and east and west
to converge around this table,
where all life is fed and blest.*

*Bring your joy and bring your sadness,
and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded,
who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it—
truth and manna from above!—
and then passes wine that wakens
in your heart the taste of love.*

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

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus Hymn 552

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.*

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

Please come down the center aisle and receive a piece of bread and a cup of juice. If you wish to receive bread in your pew, the servers will assist you. If you're joining us online, please have bread and juice/wine available to celebrate with us. All who wish to know Jesus more deeply are invited to the table.

Communion Meditation

Prayer After Communion

✦ Sending

* Hymn 852

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

*When the Lord redeems the very least,
we will rejoice.*

*When the hungry gather for the feast,
we will rejoice.*

Refrain:

We will rejoice with gladness.

We will rejoice.

All our days we'll sing to God in praise.

We will rejoice!

*When the Lord restores the sick and weak,
we will rejoice.*

*When the earth is given to the meek,
we will rejoice. (Refrain)*

*When the Lord revives the world from death,
we will rejoice.*

*When the word of God fills every breath,
we will rejoice. (Refrain)*

*When the Lord returns in victory,
we will rejoice.*

*When we live in glorious liberty,
we will rejoice. (Refrain)*


* Charge & Benediction


* Postlude

✦ 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.

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>

Graduation Party for Tony Carmack - June 13, 1–4pm in Fellowship Hall Please call or text 618-580-9496 to RSVP.

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.

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.

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

Communion Sunday, June 7
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 8
9 am Food Pantry (FH)
10 am Mat Weaving (FH)

Tuesday, June 9
6 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 10
10:15 am Lectionary Bible Study (FH & Zoom)
11:30 am Lunch Bunch
1 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
6 pm A Place of Grace: Mission Madness
7 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Saturday, June 13
1 pm Tony Carmack Graduation Party (FH)

NEXT 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

✦ 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	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 Burrıs
 Villas of Holly Brook – Jeane Slayden



**NEXT STEPS
& SIGNUPS**

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