

✦ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Panis Angelicus

Franck/Lorenz

* Call to Worship

Maintain justice, and do what is right.

God our Savior is coming soon.

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

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

*1 Brethren, we have met to worship
and adore the Lord our God.*

*Will you pray with all your power
while we try to preach the word?*

*All is vain unless the Spirit
of the holy One comes down.*

*Brethren, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.*

*2 Sisters, will you come and help us?
Moses' sister aided him.*

*Will you help the trembling mourners
who are struggling hard with sin?*

*Tell them all about the Savior.
Tell them that he will be found.*

*Sisters, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.*

*3 Is there here a trembling jailer,
seeking grace and filled with fears?*

*Is there here a weeping Mary
pouring forth a flood of tears?*

*Brethren, join your cries to help them;
sisters, let your prayers abound!*

*Pray, O pray, that holy manna
will be scattered all around.*

*4 Let us love our God supremely;
let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners
till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven;
at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us
with sweet manna all around.*

Prayer of Confession

**Ever-present God,
there is no place where you are not with us.
You see us at our worst and at our best.
There is much we would hide from you—
the ways we harm your creation,
the ways we mistreat others,
the ways we turn away when we should turn toward.
Even as you know us, forgive us.
Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions,
that you may delight in us as we delight in 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

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Special Music

Jesus, Hold My Hand

Ken Webster & Craig Stark

Second Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Ervin

❖ Responding

* Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him. Amen.

God of Grace and God of Glory

*¹ God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

*3 Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.*

Announcements

Offering our Gifts

Give at lovejoyupc.org/give

*Loose cash offerings benefit our Good Samaritan fund, which helps our neighbors.
Through August 16th, this offering will go toward our mission to buy shoes for local kids
going back to school.*

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 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home.*

*2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*3 For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;*

*give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's garner evermore.*

*4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come;
raise the glorious harvest home!*

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

Praise You, I Will Praise You

Smith/Doran

❖ 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.



**You're invited to the 80th
Birthday Celebration for
Marilyn King
August 2, 1-4 PM
in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Let's celebrate this
special day as a family!
In lieu of gifts, please
consider a donation to
the LoveJoy United Food
Pantry**



HYMN SING

Sunday, July 26th

FREE! @3:00 p.m.
at St. Paul UMC
10 N. Center Street
East Alton IL
(at the stoplight) **ALL FREE!**

**We will begin in the Sanctuary and
then move to the Church Park for
FAMILY FUN NIGHT!**

**There will be hot dogs, beverages,
chips, & desserts plus a BOUNCE
HOUSE & yard games! 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Bring your family, friends, &
lawn chairs!!**

✦ Calendar and Prayer Requests

✦ This Week at LoveJoy United

Sunday, July 19
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 (FH)

Monday, July 20
10 am Mat Weaving (Hope Room)

Wednesday, July 22
10:15 am Lectionary Bible Study (FH & Zoom)
11:30 am Lunch Bunch (FH)
7 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, July 23
7 pm Fellowship Committee Mtg. (FH)

Friday, July 24
2 pm Adult Christian Edu. Mtg. (Zoom)

NEXT Sunday, July 26
9 am Sunday Morning Live (Love Rm & Zoom)
9 am The Bible Class (FH & Zoom)
10:15 am Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Narthex)
11:30 am Building and Grounds Committee (FH)

✦ In our Prayers

Amy Camie	John Gremli & the Gremli Family
Barb (Linda Smith's daughter)	John Kennedy
Becky Pontieri (Friend of Deb Goskie)	Joyce Melton (Faye Buerk's friend)
Bill Lester	Joya Freeman (Valerie and Joe's DIL)
Brittany	Julie Spurgeon
Cathy Lister (Karen Auston's sister)	Kenny Slayden
Chad Cox (friend of Mike Paddock)	Jane Heppner
Connie	Linda Duncan
Connie Anderson (College Avenue)	Mark Carter
David Hemphill	Pat Fletcher
David Norris	Paula Blair
Forrest	Renee Lynn
Gary Chappell and Laurie Chappell (Edie Chappell's Family)	Steve Burton & Sean Boston (Lynn Boston's Family)
Huey (Sandy Franke's Son)	Terrye Mock (Joe Freeman's Sister)
Jeane Slayden	Tom and Jupiter
Jo Carter	Tom Cunningham (friend of Paula Blair)
JoAnn Lamar	Trans folks
JoAnn Moss	Winnie Whittaker
Joe Phillips	

Nursing and Retirement Home Residents

Liberty Village, Maryville – Shirley Martin
 Villa Rose, Bethalto – Mary Barnes (new address), Betty Langenwelter
 Stearns in Granite City – Beth Forrester
 Cedarhurst, Bethalto – Linda Duncan
 Liberty Village, Jerseyville – Shirley Burris
 Villas of Holly Brook – Jeane Slayden



**NEXT STEPS
& SIGNUPS**

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