

✦ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

* Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Hershel Henson, Liturgist

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

*For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:*

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise

this our hymn of grateful praise.

*For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)*

*For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: (Refrain)*

*For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)*

*For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: (Refrain)*

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
In Jesus Christ we have received the news of your coming kingdom.
Rather than change our hearts and our lives,
we confess that we continue to live much the same as we always have:
We sin against you and against one another.
We choose greed over generosity
selfishness over cooperation
judgment over love.
Forgive us, Lord.
Open our eyes to the joy of following your way,
and enable us to share this gospel joy in all parts of our lives...**

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.*

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 40:1–8

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.

³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear
and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴ Happy are those who make
the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.

⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.

⁷ Then I said, "Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."

³ For thus says the LORD: You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money. ⁴ For thus says the Lord GOD: Long ago, my people went down into Egypt to reside there as aliens; the Assyrian, too, has oppressed them without cause. ⁵ Now therefore what am I doing here, says the LORD, seeing that my people are taken away without cause? Their rulers howl, says the LORD, and continually, all day long, my name is despised. ⁶ Therefore my people shall know my name; on^[a] that day they shall know that it is I who speak—it is I!

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy,
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹ Break forth; shout together for joy,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

✦ Responding

* Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from *The Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,**

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls us all to the ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

* Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

*"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

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!

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 741

Guide My Feet

Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race,

for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

² *Hold my hand . . .*

⁵ *Search my heart . . .*

³ *Stand by me . . .*

⁶ *Guide my feet . . .*

⁴ *I'm your child . . .*

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

✦ Announcements

Announcements marked with  are opportunities that relate to our Matthew 25 commitment.

🔔 🎵 🔔 Calling All Singers & Ringers 🔔 🎵 🔔

🎵 The new church music season is almost here! All new and returning singers are invited to join our choir. Choir rehearsals will begin on **Sunday, September 6, at 8:45 am** in the sanctuary. Even though it's Labor Day weekend, if you're in town, come help us shake off the cobwebs and warm up those vocal cords!!! 🎵

🔔 The bell choir is also welcoming new ringers! 🔔

If interested, please contact **Ann French** by call, text, or in person.
Bell choir rehearsals begin **Tuesday, September 8 at 9:00** in the sanctuary.



RUMMAGE Sale!

This sale supports various mission projects of our church and assists our local community.

LoveJoy United Presbyterian Church
2550 Rock Hill Road - Wood River, IL
618-254-5880

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND & 3RD
8:00 A.M. - NOON

PRESALE - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
5:00 - 7:00 P.M.
\$3 ENTRY FEE

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Pantry Needs

TOILET TISSUE DONATIONS!

Drop Off Unopened Packages Today!



Ultra Soft 12 MEGA ROLLS
Extra Strong 8 ROLLS
Bath Tissue
24 Rolls
4 Pack Toilet Paper



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

LoveJoy United Presbyterian Church
2550 Rock Hill Rd.
Wood River, IL 62095
August 19, 2026
1pm - 6pm



HOLOCAUST MUSEUM TRIP

AUGUST 23, 2026

SIGN-UP SHEET ON TABLE

TICKET COST	
(Includes General Admission, guided tours, and special exhibit "Nazis Next Door: St. Louis Faces Racism in the 1930s")	
Adults:	\$20
Youth 10-17:	\$12
College Students, Seniors, and Veterans (with ID):	\$16

❖ Calendar and Prayer Requests

❖ This Week at LoveJoy United

THIS Sunday, August 16

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

Monday, August 17

- 10 am Mat Weaving (Hope Room)

Wednesday, August 19

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

NEXT Sunday, August 23

- 9 am Sunday Morning Live (Love Rm & Zoom)
- 9 am The Bible Class (FH & Zoom)
- 10:15 am Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour (Narthex)
- 12:00 pm Holocaust Museum Trip

❖ In our Prayers

Amy Camie
Barb (Linda Smith's daughter)
Becky Pontieri (Friend of Deb Goskie)
Bill Lester
Brittany
Carol Reed (Hershel Henson's sister)
Cathy Lister (Karen Auston's sister)
Cindy Chauvin (Mike & Mag Paddock's daughter)
Connie Anderson (College Avenue)
David Hemphill
David Norris
Donna Kay (Family of Carol Hanold)
Forrest
Gary Chappell (Family of Edie Chappell)
Huey (Sandy Franke's Son)
Jane Heppner
Jeane Slayden
Jo Carter
JoAnn Lamar
JoAnn Moss
Joe Phillips
John Kennedy
Joya Freeman (Valerie and Joe Freeman's DIL)
Joyce Melton (Faye Buerk's Friend)
Julie Spurgeon
Kenny Slayden
Laurie Chappell (Family of Edie Chappell)
Linda Duncan
Pat Fletcher
Renee Lynn
Sue Harris
Terry Mock (Joe Freeman's Sister)
Tom Cunningham (Friend of Paula Blair)
Tom and Jupiter
Winnie Whittaker
Gremi Family
Trans Folks

Nursing and Retirement Home Residents

Liberty Village, Maryville – Shirley Martin
Villa Rose, Bethalto – Mary Barnes, Betty Langenwalter
Stearns in Granite City – Beth Forrester
Cedarhurst, Bethalto – Linda Duncan
Liberty Village, Jerseyville – Shirley Burris
Villas of Holly Brook – Jeane Slayden
Cedarhurst, Des Pares – Winnie Whittaker

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NEXT STEPS
& SIGNUPS

