

✦ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the Earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come into God's presence with singing!

Tom Wyatt, Liturgist

**For the Lord is a gracious God,
Whose Mercy is everlasting;
And whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

¹ *Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.*

² *Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.*

³ *Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!*

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
According to your promises declared to the world
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
That we may live a holy, just, and humble life
To the glory of your holy name.**

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

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Special Music

Second Reading

Exodus 1:15-22

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

Sermon

Rev. Sandra Monroe

✦ Responding

* Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from *The Brief Statement of Faith*

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

* Hymn 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

¹ We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

² We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

³ Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.

⁴ And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

Announcements

Offering our Gifts

Give at lovejoyupc.org/give

*Loose cash offerings benefit our Good Samaritan fund, which helps our neighbors,
particularly through Riverbend Family Ministries*

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 542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*¹ God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

*² God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

*³ God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

*⁴ God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

* 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.
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Pantry Needs

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Extra Strong 8 ROLLS
24 Rolls
Bath Tissue
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Blessing of the Backpacks

- Sunday, August 30
(during worship service)

We all need God's blessing as we go back to school, or a return to work and meetings. Bring your backpack for a blessing to help you remember that God has your back!

❖ Calendar and Prayer Requests

❖ This Week at LoveJoy United

THIS Sunday, August 9

- 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)

Monday, August 10

- 9 am Food Pantry (FH)
- 10 am Mat Weaving (Hope Room)
- Noon PEO Women's Meeting (FH)

Tuesday, August 11

- 6 pm Worship Committee Mtg

Wednesday, August 12

- 10:15 am Lectionary Bible Study (FH & Zoom)
- 11:30 am Lunch Bunch/Mary Barnes Birthday
- 1 pm Stewardship Committee Mtg (Love Rm)
- 7 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, August 13

- 1:30 pm Alton CDC Meeting (FH)

Friday, August 14

- 2 pm ACE Committee Meeting (Zoom)

NEXT 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 Fellowship Hour (FH)

❖ 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
Terrye 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



**NEXT STEPS
& SIGNUPS**

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