

❖ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

I Need Thee Every Hour
Marie Brown, cello

Lowry/McDonald

* Call to Worship

Let us hear what the Lord will speak.
God will speak peace to the faithful.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.

Jenny Wyatt

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."*

*"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."*

*"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."*

*"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"*

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,
it is easy to confess with our lips
that you are Lord,
but it is much harder to believe with our hearts,
to live in a way that puts you first.
We are quick to trust in idols.
We depend on what we can see, touch, and control,
instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice.
Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief,
so that what we confess with our lips
we may truly believe in our hearts...**

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

Psalms 85:8-13

- ⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
- ⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

- ¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
¹² The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
¹³ Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps.

Special Music

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place/The Solid Rock
Marie Brown, cello

Brant Adams

Second Reading

Matthew 14:22–33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Ervin

✦ Responding

* Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from *The Confession of 1967*

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.**

His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.

His service to all commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

**His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.**

**His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment
on the inhumanity that marks human relations,**

and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

**In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life
in society and of God's victory over all wrong.**

**The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.**

* Hymn 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep, Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!*

*O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walked'st on the foaming deep, And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!*

*Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood, Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease, And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!*

*O Trinity of love and power! Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee. Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

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 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.*

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

Fanfare and March

Purcell

Blake

✦ Announcements

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

 **Pantry Needs**

TOILET TISSUE DONATIONS!

Drop Off Unopened Packages Today!



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

LoveJoy United Presbyterian Church

2550 Rock Hill Rd.

Wood River, IL 62095

August 19, 2026

1pm - 6pm

On Sunday, August 16, we will have an Inside Picnic Potluck luncheon after worship. Please add your name to the list in the hall along with the number attending and whether you will bring a dessert, salad or veggie dish.



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"I will remember them." (Isaiah 49:15)

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM TRIP

August 23, 2026

TICKET COST

(includes General Admission ticket, 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

Please bring a bag lunch so that we may eat together in the Fellowship Hall before we go. We will leave the Church at 12:30pm for the Museum. Be sure to check transportation preference. First tour begins at 1:45pm.



❖ 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)

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



❖ 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



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