

❖ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Dorian Pastoral

Wilson

* Call to Worship

Cheri Levan

Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
love is the fulfillment of the law.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.*

Refrain:

*I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.*

*2 Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)*

*3 Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all. (Refrain)*

*4 Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him. (Refrain)*

Prayer of Confession

**Beautiful Savior,
you have made your law clear:
Love. Love one another.
Owe one another nothing but love.
Do no wrong to a neighbor.
But we have not mastered what it is to love.
We have fallen short,
causing harm to others
through careless action
and thoughtless lack of action.**

**Forgive us.
Teach us how to love more fully,
more perfectly,
as generously as you love,
following your law and fulfilling your will...**

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

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Anthem

This is the Day the Lord Has Made

Gieseke

Second Reading

Matthew 18:15–20

¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Ervin

❖ 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 769

For Everyone Born

*1 For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,*

Refrain:

*and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

*2 For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, (Refrain)*

*3 For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)*

*4 For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, (Refrain)*

*5 For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)*

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!*

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

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

*2 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

Southern Appalachian Song

Moore

Prayer After Communion

✦ Sending

* Hymn 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

*1 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.*

*2 We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.*

*3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.*

*4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.*

*5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.*

*6 Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.*

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

Prelude & Fugue in B-flat

Handel

❖ Announcements

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



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

SHOP DONATE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Food Pantry Item Needed
Peanut Butter (16oz)

Whom do you know who is struggling with grief?

Artful Expressions of Grief, a 6-retreat series that uses art as a primary process and incorporates other spiritual practices as well, begins September 9th. At Von Dell Gallery and Studios in Wood River. Register by August 31st with a \$25 materials fee to reserve a spot!

Register here: <https://www.aplaceofgrace-juliegillo.net/upcoming-events.html>



LOVEJOY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT
ALTON PRIDE FESTIVAL

Now more than ever, we need to show up and show there is a space and love for LGBTQ+ folks in God's family.

Join us as we celebrate and share our inclusive spirit!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE

Alton Pride Festival
September 12 | 11am - 7pm
For more information: altonpride.com



We will Celebrate **10th** ANNIVERSARY
LoveJoy United Presbyterian's

We will celebrate our church's 10th anniversary beginning on September 20 during worship!

Join us as we give thanks for the foundation God has laid in these first 10 years, and learn how we will live into the next.

After worship, join us for cake and celebration in the Fellowship Hall.



Office Closed
Monday, September 7

We are thankful for all who keep this nation running. You are seen and appreciated.

❖ Calendar and Prayer Requests

❖ This Week at LoveJoy United

THIS Sunday, September 6

- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9 am Sunday Morning Live (Love Rm & Zoom)
- 9 am The Bible Class (FH & Zoom)
- 10:15 am Worship & Communion (Sanctuary & Zoom)
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour (Narthex)
- 11:30 am Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

Monday, September 7

- 10 am Mat Weaving (Hope Room)
- 7 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting (FH)

Tuesday, September 8

- 9 am Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 9

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

Friday, September 12

- 11 am **Alton Pride Festival**

NEXT Sunday, September 13

- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
- 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)
- 11:30 am Deacon's Meeting

Nursing and Retirement Home Residents

Liberty Village, Maryville – Shirley Martin
Villa Rose, Bethalto – Mary Barnes, Betty Langenwaller
Stearns in Granite City – Beth Forrester
Cedarhurst, Bethalto – Linda Duncan
Liberty Village, Jerseyville – Shirley Burris
Villas of Holly Brook – Jeane Slayden
Cedarhurst, Des Peres – 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
Terrye Mock (Joe Freeman's Sister)
Tom Cunningham (Friend of Paula Blair)
Tom and Jupiter
Winnie Whittaker
Gremi Family
Trans Folks
Chris Allen (Stepson of Linda Allen)
James Bradley (Son of Cindy Mayhew)
Beth Mabb



**NEXT STEPS
& SIGNUPS**

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