

✦ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Organ Suite: Movement 3

Baylor

* Call to Worship

Listen, people of God!

Robert Musgrave-Perkins

Hear the wonders of our Creator!

God split the sea;

walls of water towered above.

God guided our ancestors in faith:

clouds by day, lightning by night.

God split open the rock;

water flowed like rivers.

God split open the heavens and met earth.

God meets us still.

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

¹ *Sing glory to the name of God,
whose holy splendor shines abroad.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Enthroned above the crashing waves,
the God of grace and glory saves.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

² *The name of God is full of might:
resounding thunder, flashing light.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The wilderness cannot contain
the echoes of the great refrain:*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

³ *The name of God is wild and free,
awhirl in holy mystery.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*A secret wrapped in smoke and fire,
still chanted by the temple choir:*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*⁴ May God forever be our peace;
may hymns of glory never cease:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let all the faithful people come;
sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,
we confess to you:
We are not of the same mind.
We do not share the same love.
We act in selfish ambition
and do not regard others as better than ourselves.
We have not looked to the interests of others instead of ourselves.
We do not embrace the humility of Jesus Christ.
Forgive us. Continue to be at work in us,
that we might serve each other as you served us,
and reflect your glory in this world...**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

* 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

¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

² I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,

³ things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

⁴ We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD and his might
and the wonders that he has done.

¹² In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

¹³ He divided the sea and let them pass through it
and made the waters stand like a heap.

¹⁴ In the daytime he led them with a cloud
and all night long with a fiery light.

¹⁵ He split rocks open in the wilderness
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

¹⁶ He made streams come out of the rock
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Anthem

Second Reading

Exodus 17:1–7

17 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

✦ Responding

* Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from Romans 8
**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 785

In Deepest Night

*¹ In deepest night, in darkest days,
when harps are hung, no songs we raise,
when silence must suffice as praise,
yet sounding in us quietly
there is the song of God.*

*² When friend was lost, when love deceived,
dear Jesus wept, God was bereaved;
so with us in our grief God grieves,
and round about us mournfully
there are the tears of God.*

*³ When through the waters winds our path,
around us pain, around us death,
deep calls to deep, a saving breath,
and found beside us faithfully
there is the love of God.*

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 838

Standing on the Promises of God

¹ Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:
Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

² Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

³ Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

⁴ Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

Recessional

Corelli

✦ Worship Notes

Parts of today's worship are adapted from the Book of Common Worship and Call to Worship.

The hymn, "Trees," is by Michael Morgan, adapted.

Thanks to Michael & Robert Musgrave-Perkins for running our media system.

✦ Land Acknowledgement

The LoveJoy United community gathers on the traditional land of the Tamaroa People, who have been its faithful stewards for generations. We acknowledge and honor the past, present, and future of the Tamaroa and other

Indigenous peoples who have been displaced from their ancestral homelands.

✦ 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)

The Congregational Nominating Committee is seeking your input

as they discern who God is called to serve as elders, deacons, and members of the 2027 nominating committee.

Please submit nominations to
Deb Goskie

or

online at lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps
and click **Nominations**.



YOU ARE WELCOME!

Blood donations are needed every 2 seconds by a recipient. Only 3% of Americans are donors. This is one of the ways we can show our love as neighbors to "the least of these".



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

LoveJoy United Presbyterian Church
2550 Rock Hill Rd.
Wood River, IL 62095
Wednesday, October 14
1:00 to 6:00 pm.

Native American Sunday
Potluck Luncheon
on Sunday, October 11
following worship



❖ Calendar and Prayer Requests

❖ This Week at LoveJoy United

THIS Sunday, September 27

- 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)

Monday, September 28

- 9 am Food Pantry
- 10 am Mat Weaving (Hope Room)

Tuesday, September 29

- 9 am Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 1 pm Nominating Committee (Love Rm)

Wednesday, September 30

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

Thursday, October 1

- 5pm-7pm Rummage Sale Presale (\$3 entry)

Friday, October 2

- 8 am- noon Rummage Sale
- 1 pm Graveside Service for Winnie Whittaker (Roselawn)

Saturday, October 3

- 8 am - noon Rummage Sale
- 9 am PW Fall Gathering (John Calvin Presbyterian)

NEXT Sunday, October 4

- 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)



❖ 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
Friends and Family of Winnie Whittaker
Gremi Family
Trans Folks
Chris Allen (Stepson of Linda Allen)
James Bradley (Son of Cindy Mayhew)
Beth Mabb
Scott Thompson
Jessica Rigler

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



**NEXT STEPS
& SIGNUPS**

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