

❖ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Land Acknowledgment

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Prelude

Andante Cantabile

Tschaikovsky/Ritter

* Call to Worship

Come, you who walk hand in hand,
in your life together with our Honored Chief
and you who do not.
Come, you who struggle together
in the telling of the good story,
and you who have benefitted from hearing it.
Come, you who have learned
and received
and heard
and noticed what the Honored Chief is doing,
and you who are still unable to perceive it.
Come and walk with the Great Spirit of Peace
on this road.
Let us worship our Honored Chief together!

Scott Thompson

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works

(#21)

¹ *Many and great, O God, are thy works,
Maker of earth and sky.
Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;
Thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at thy word, the waters were formed,
Deep seas obey thy voice.*

² *Grant unto us communion with thee,
Thou star-abiding One.
Come unto us and dwell with us.
With thee are found the gifts of life,
Bless us with life that has no end,
Eternal life with thee.*

Prayer of Confession

**Have mercy on us, O God,
we have not stood firm in the Chosen One.
We claim to walk hand in hand,
yet we lash out in anger instead of rejoicing,
we are harsh -- and even cruel --
to those you called us to protect.,
we allow our anxiety -- not faith --
to influence how we live.
For centuries, we have used your name to hurt others.
God, forgive us!
Teach us how to focus on what is true, noble,
right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent,
and praiseworthy in our neighbors.
Teach us what it means to stand firm in you,
to follow the example of your son,
and to trust that we can walk in peace together
if we confess our sin and actively seek to listen and to love.**

Assurance of God's Grace

* Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

* Hymn Response 585

Glory to God, Gloria a Dios

*1 Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!*

*Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen!
(X3)*

*2 Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus!
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!*

Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, Amen!

(X3)

3 Glory to God, glory to God,

glory to the Spirit!

Glory to God, glory to God,

glory to the Spirit!

To God be glory forever!

To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, Amen!

(X3)

❖ Word

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Sanctuary

(#701)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,

pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

sanctuary for you.

First Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Creator Sets Free (Jesus) continued to speak to them using stories such as this one
Creator's good road from above is like a chief who prepared a wedding feast for his son. When the feast was ready, he sent out trusted messengers to gather the ones who had been invited, but no one came.

So he sent out others with this message: "I am serving my best meal fresh from the herd. So come, The wedding feast for my son has been prepared!"

But some ignored the messengers and returned to their work, while others mistreated them and even killed them.

When the chief told his messengers, "The wedding feast is ready, but the ones invited have proved they have no honor. Waste *no* time, go out into the village pathways, and invite all you find to come to the feast."

So they went and did as they were told and gathered as many as they could find, whether honorable or bad-hearted. So the lodge was filled with many wedding guests for his son.

When the chief came in to see the guests, he saw someone who was not wearing the proper regalia *that was provided for the guests at the wedding feast*. He said to the guest, “How did you get in here without the proper regalia? *Why have you dishonored my son by not wearing the outfit provided for you?*”

There was nothing the man could say.

The chief called his warriors and said to them, “Bind him with leather straps from head to foot and Throw him outside into the darkness, to weep and grind his teeth in anger.”

“So you can see,” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said, “many are invited, but few accept his invitation.”

Anthem

Take Time to be Holy

Fettke

Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

My sacred family members, how I long to be with you. You are like feathers in my headdress, making my heart dance. I have shown you how to stand firm on the solid ground of the Chosen One. So now, my much-loved ones, stand firm!

My strong counsel to Good Journey Woman (Euodia) and Blessing Way Woman (Syntyche) is for them to walk hand in hand in their life together with our Honored Chief. I also ask you, Burden Bearer (Syzygus), to be true to *your name* and help these women who have shared my struggle in the telling of the good story. These women have also worked side by side with Walks from Kindness (Clement) and all the others whose names are written down in *Creator's* book of life.

Always dance with joy before our Honored Chief! I will say it again: dance with joy! Let everyone see how kind and thoughtful you are. Our Honored Chief is close at hand. Do not let your hearts be weighed down with anything. Instead, with every step you take, send your voice to the Great Spirit, asking him for the things you need. And in all your prayers *remember* to give him thanks. Then the peace and harmony of the Great Spirit which goes far beyond our small and weak ways of thinking, will watch over your hearts and minds through the Chosen One, Creator Sets Free (Jesus).

Last of all, my sacred family members, if anything can be seen as good and honorable, think *deeply* about these things. Things that are true and noble, upright and pure, full of beauty and worthy of respect. Follow the way of life you have seen in me, the things you have learned from me, heard from me, and received from me. Keep walking in the traditions I have passed on to you. Then the Great Spirit of Peace will continue to walk with you on this road.

Sermon

Pastor Julie Gvillo

✦ 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

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

(#169)

¹ **Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.*

² *In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.*

³ *O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!*

⁴ *Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.*

⁵ *Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!*

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

Moment for Stewardship

Tom Wyatt

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

Take Thou Our Minds, O Lord

(#707)

*¹ Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.*

*² Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
come thou within our souls and claim thy throne;
help us to shed abroad thy deathless love;
use us to make the earth like heaven above.*

³ *Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
have in our inmost souls thy perfect way;
guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.*

⁴ *Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.*

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

Toccata in D Minor

Paradisi

❖ Worship Notes

Parts of today's worship are adapted from the *Book of Common Worship* and *Call to Worship*.
Thanks to Michael & Robert Musgrave-Perkins for running our media system.

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✦ Announcements

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

Join us today following
Sunday worship for a Potluck

honoring the indigenous peoples for

Native American Sunday



**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.**



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".



**Food Pantry Item Needed
Peanut Butter (16oz)**

DOWNTOWN Trick or Treat

**Wednesday, October 21.
6:00 – 8:00pm**

61 E. Ferguson Ave.,
Wood River, IL 62095

Come join us and the downtown business owners handing out candy and treats for the town's annual trick or treat.



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!

❖ Calendar and Prayer Requests

❖ This Week at LoveJoy United

THIS Sunday, October 11 - Native American Sunday

- 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 Potluck following worship



Monday, October 12

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

Tuesday, October 13

- 9 am** Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:30pm Worship Committee (FH & Zoom)

Wednesday, October 14

- 10:15 am** Lectionary Bible Study (FH & Zoom)
11:30 am Lunch Bunch
1pm-6pm Red Cross Blood Drive
5pm Youth Christian Education Meeting (Zoom)
5:45pm Cantata Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, October 15

- 1 pm** OWL Planning Meeting

Friday, October 16

- 2 pm** Adult Christian Education Meeting (Zoom)

NEXT Sunday, October 18

- 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 Fellowship Hour (FH)

❖ In our Prayers

Amy Camie
Barb (Linda Smith's daughter)
Becky Pontieri (Friend of Deb Goskie)
Bill Lester
Brittany
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 Langenwalter
Stearns in Granite City – Beth Forrester
Cedarhurst, Bethalto – Linda Duncan
Villas of Holly Brook – Jeane Slayden



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