

❖ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Bach/Schrader

* Call to Worship

In this place,
**friends and strangers meet,
the broken are mended,
and the weary welcomed.**

In this moment,
**the ordinary becomes sacred,
and life is hallowed.
This is God's time.**

In this sanctuary,
**God's goodness is revealed.
Our doors open with kindness.
Our lives join together.**

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

¹ God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

² Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.

Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

³ Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Prayer of Confession

**God of justice and truth,
you ask us to give to you the things that are yours.
If we are honest,
we know we hold so much back.
We have promised you our obedience,
but we often fulfill our own desires first.
We have promised you our worship,
but we give our attention to idols instead.
We have promised to do your work in the world,
but we put it last on the list of priorities.
Have mercy on us and forgive us.
Increase our generosity that we might give freely,
grateful for all of the gifts you have given us.**

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

First Reading

Psalm 96:1–13

- ¹ O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
² Sing to the LORD; bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
⁶ Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
⁹ Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity."
¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar and all that fills it;
¹² let the field exult and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
¹³ before the LORD, for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.

Anthem

You Raise Me Up/Be Still My Soul

Lovland/Graham/Sibelius

Second Reading

Matthew 22:15–22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Ervin

✦ Responding

* Affirmation of Faith

From the *Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1*

**What is your only comfort in life and in death?
That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

* Hymn 697

Take My Life

¹ Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

² Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

³ Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

⁴ Take my sliver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

⁵ Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

⁶ Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

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 702

Christ Be Beside Me

¹ Christ be beside me;
Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart.

Christ be within me;
Christ be below me;
Christ be above me,
never to part.

² Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me,
shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising,
Light of my life.

³ Christ be in all hearts
thinking about me;
Christ be on all tongues
telling of me.
Christ be the vision
in eyes that see me;
in ears that hear me
Christ ever be.

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

Praise God, the Lord

Walther

❖ 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.

❖ 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.

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wonder-filled.
healing.

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DOWNTOWN
Trick or Treat

Wednesday, October 21.
6:00 – 8:00pm

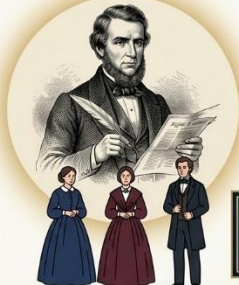
61 E. Ferguson Ave.,
Wood River, IL 62095

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

YOU ARE WELCOME!

VINTAGE VOICES
BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE
During Our Worship Service

PRESENTING THE LIFE OF OUR NAMESAKE AND FIRST PASTOR
ELIJAH P. LOVEJOY



JOIN US SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 8TH
AT 10:15 AM

Join us as we honor the legacy of Elijah P. Lovejoy, a fearless
abolitionist, journalist, and our congregation's first pastor.
Experience the story of faith, courage, and conviction.

WORSHIP • FELLOWSHIP • HISTORY

PANTRY NEED FOR
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER:
Canned Vegetables



Rooted AND
Reaching
Day for Kids!

November 11th
beginning at noon

Children and Youth are invited to join us
as we live into our vision of *Rooted & Reaching*
with a day of mission, food, and fun.



Volunteer at
**Operation
Blessing**



Help in the
church garden



Conclude the day
with a potluck
(all welcome!)



and a
bonfire!



Learn more and sign up at
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❖ Calendar and Prayer Requests

❖ This Week at LoveJoy United

THIS 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)

Monday, October 19

- 10 am** Mat Weaving (Hope Room)

Tuesday, October 20

- 9 am** Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6 pm Finance Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 21

- 10:15 am** Lectionary Bible Study (FH & Zoom)
11:30 am Lunch Bunch
6pm-8pm Downtown Trick or Treat (61 E. Ferguson Ave., WR)
7 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)
7:15 pm LoveJoy Lyceum Bookclub (Zoom)

Thursday, October 22

- 6:30 pm** **SESSION MEETING (FH & 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 & Pledge Dedication (Sanctuary & Zoom)**
11:30 am Coffee Hour (Narthex)



**NEXT STEPS
& SIGNUPS**

❖ 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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