

✦ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Tranquility

Scriveyner

* Call to Worship

God is our dwelling place:

**God gathers us into community with each other
to love and work, to support and heal.**

God is our dwelling place:

**God gathers us into community with all people
to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.**

God is our dwelling place:

**God gathers us into community with all creation
to live in harmony, to grow new gardens.**

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 828

More Love to Thee, O Christ

*¹ More love to thee, O Christ,
more love to thee!*

*Hear thou the prayer I make
on bended knee.*

*This is my earnest plea:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!*

*² Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest.
Now thee alone I seek;
give what is best.*

*This all my prayer shall be:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!*

*³ Then shall my latest breath
whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry
my heart shall raise.
This still its prayer shall be:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!*

Prayer of Confession

**God of love,
your commandments are so simple:
love God, love neighbor, love self.
Yet we cannot always muster that love.
Love for you seems too abstract and distant.
Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining.
Love for ourselves seems too impossible and unimportant.
But you are truly the God of love;
if there is anyone who can help us love,
it is you.
Shower us with your love
so we might have the greatest example,
and help us learn from you...**

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

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

19:1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

² “Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵ “You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ “You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

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 694

Great God of Every Blessing

¹ *Great God of every blessing,
of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness,
the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you?
Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.*

² *Your Word is our salvation,
the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending
your covenant embrace.*

*In Christ we are one body;
each member has a part:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.*

*3 Your Spirit is our teacher,
the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people
into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy,
for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.*

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.*

Dedication of Gifts and Pledges

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 300

We Are One in the Spirit

*1 We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

Refrain:

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*2 We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)*

*3 We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)*

*4 All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)*

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

Fugue in G Major

Bach

✦ 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.



Sunday Night AT THE MOVIES

NOVEMBER 22 | **DINNER AT 6PM**
MOVIE BEGINNING AT 7PM

Sign Up Today!

FEATURED MOVIE
**SOMETHING
THE LORD
MADE**

A 2004 biographical drama about Black lab technician Vivien Thomas, charting his pioneering partnership with white surgeon Dr. Alfred Blalock, that revolutionized modern heart surgery amidst the racial barriers of the Jim Crow South.



Toys for Tots Drive

OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 11

DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS* AT:

LoveJoy United Presbyterian Church
2550 Rock Hill Rd.
Wood River, IL 62095

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M, T, Th, F
9am - 2pm

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER:**

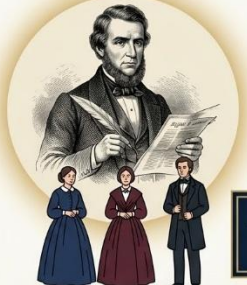
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PEAS
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YOU ARE WELCOME!

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.

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**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 lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps

❖ Calendar and Prayer Requests

❖ This Week at LoveJoy United

THIS Sunday, October 25

- 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)

Monday, October 26

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

Tuesday, October 27

- 9 am Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
1 pm OWL Planning Committee (FH)
1 pm Vintage Voices Rehearsal/Prep (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, October 28

- 10:15 am ~~Lectionary Bible Study (FH & Zoom)~~ **Cancelled**
11:30 am ~~Lunch Bunch~~ **Cancelled**
1 pm Nominating Committee Meeting (Love Rm)
5:45 pm Cantata Rehearsal
7 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Saturday, October 31 - Halloween

- 2:00 pm **Game Day (FH & Zoom)**

NEXT Sunday, November 1

- 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
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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