

❖ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Awesome God & Almighty

Mullins/Watson/Cota

Bell Choir

* Call to Worship

What kind of love has God given us?

A love that proclaims we are God's very own.

What kind of promise has God given us?

God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

What kind of future has God given us?

God will lead us to springs of life-giving water.

Blessing and glory,

wisdom and thanksgiving,

honor and power and might

be to our God, forever and always!

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 375

Shall We Gather at the River

*¹ Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?*

Refrain:

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.*

*² On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. (Refrain)*

³ *Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)*

⁴ *Soon we'll reach the shining river;
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. (Refrain)*

Prayer of Confession

**God of eternal life,
we gather in gratitude
for all the saints of the ages and our lives.
We also confess our sorrow
as we ache from their absence.
We hear you call us blessed when we mourn,
but we do not find the comfort you promise.
Be with us in our remembrance
and strengthen us until the day we join them,
singing your praises in the great multitude...**

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

1 John 3:1-3

3¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Anthem

Christ is in This Place

Pote

Marie Brown: cello

Amber Blackmon: flute

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Ervin

✦ Responding

* Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.10

**The risen Christ is the Savior of all people.
Those joined to him by faith
are set right with God
and commissioned to serve
as God's reconciling community.
Christ is head of this community, the church,
which began with the apostles
and continues through all generations. Amen.**

* Hymn 612

We Praise You, O God

*¹ We praise you, O God,
our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion
our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you;
we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name;
glad praises we sing.*

*² We worship you, God of
our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest
our guide you have been.*

*When perils o’ertake us,
you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord,
our struggles we win.*

*³ With voices united
our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of
thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us,
your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer,
forever be praise!*

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!*

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.

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

Elevation

Benoit

Prayer After Communion

✠ Sending

* Hymn 326

For All the Saints

¹ *For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

² *Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

³ *O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

⁴ *And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

⁵ *From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

Lord Jesus, Be Present Now

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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**Time
CHANGE**
IN NOVEMBER

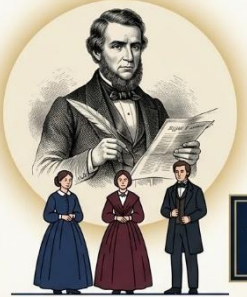
SUNDAY
November 1, 2026
AT 2:00 AM

Don't forget to
*set your clocks back 1 hour at
bedtime on Saturday night!*

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
lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps

❖ Announcements Cont.

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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

★ 2026 ★

Collecting new, unwrapped toys
from now until December 6th
collection box located in Narthex



HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

Cookies, Candies, Breads, and Pies



Saturday, December 12
10am - noon

at LoveJoy United Presbyterian Church
2550 Rock Hill Road, Wood River, IL 62095
618-254-5880

Select your favorites from a wonderful variety
of sweet treats that will either be sold
"by the pound" or "as priced"



❖ Calendar and Prayer Requests

❖ This Week at LoveJoy United

THIS Sunday, November 1- All Saints Day

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

Monday, November 2

- 9:30 am** Memorial Service for Phyllis Suhre (Asbury Village, Godfrey)
10 am Mat Weaving (Hope Room)
7 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting (FH)

Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day

- 9 am** Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6 pm Mission and Outreach Committee (FH/Zoom)

Wednesday, November 4

- 10:15 am** Lectionary Bible Study (FH & Zoom)
11:30 am Lunch Bunch
5:45 pm Cantata Rehearsal
7 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, November 5

- 6 pm** OWL Training (FH)

NEXT Sunday, November 8

- 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



**NEXT STEPS
& SIGNUPS**

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