LoveJoy United
Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026
10:15 AM

Prelude

Words of Welcome

* Call to Worship *Adapted from the Celtic Rune of Hospitality*

We saw a stranger today–and we see one another here.
We put food in the eating place,
drink in the drinking place,
and music in the listening place.
In the name of the Triune God, we are blessed and called to bless.
As the lark sings in her song,
"Often, often, often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."
We welcome Christ today–in friend and stranger.
We worship Christ today–in word and deed."
Come, let us set the table of grace, open our doors, and worship God together.

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 385 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

1 *All people that on earth do dwell,*
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.

2 *Know that the Lord is God indeed;*
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk; he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3 *O enter then his gates with praise;*
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4 *For why? The Lord our God is good;*
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Prayer of Confession

If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would have done something different.
If we had known if was you, Lord,
we would have given you food.
If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would have taken you in.
If we had known it was you, Lord,
we would not have passed you by.
But we did.
Too often we make excuses
for not taking care of each other.
We have ignored your commandments to love and care.
We do not deserve forgiveness,
but we ask for it anyway,
and ask you to help us change our ways...

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 Ephesians 1:15–23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for
this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that
the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened,
you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his
glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his
power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this
power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right
hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and
above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he
has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,
23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Anthem

Second Reading Matthew 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the
throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people
one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the
sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right
hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from

the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

Sermon **Rev. Daniel Ervin**

✣ Responding

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 186 *Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table*

1 *"Come now, you blessed, eat at my table,"*
said Jesus Christ to the righteous above.
"When I was hungry, thirsty, and homeless,
sick and in prison, you showed me your love."

2 *When did we see you hungry or thirsty?*
When were you homeless, a stranger alone?
When did we see you sick or in prison?
What have we done that you call us your own?

3 *"When you gave bread to earth's hungry children,*
when you gave shelter to war's refugees,
when you remembered those most forgotten,
you cared for me in the smallest of these."

4 *Christ, when we see you out on life's roadways,*
looking to us in the faces of need,
then may we know you, welcome, and show you
love that is faithful in word and in deed.

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 What a Friend We Have in Jesus pg. 465, v. 1

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 383 *Dream On, Dream On*

1 *Dream on, Dream on, children of peace,*
till on earth God's kingdom come.
Wolf and lamb will feed together;
Lions like oxen will eat straw.
Dust shall be the serpent's food;
No one shall destroy or hurt.
Children of earth in all colors,
Live in peace and harmony.

2 *Hope on, Hope on, Easter People:*
Beyond the cross, a dawning sun.
Christ our peace, broke down all barriers:
Nation, culture, tribe and clan.
Reconciling us to God,
Christ made us one human race
Joined in people and liberation,
Led by justice, hope and love.

3 *Mount up, mount up, like an eagle,*
To the heights, beyond the clouds.
Strife and sorrow shall not stop you;
Pain and tears shall lose their power
Even though the young may stumble;
God the Lord renews their strength.
They shall run and not grow weary;
they shall walk and shall not faint.

*Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

✣ 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.



✣ Calendar and Prayer Requests

✣ This Week at LoveJoy United

THIS Sunday, November 22

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)**
11:15 am **Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)**
11:30 am Coffee Hour (Narthex)
2 pm OWL CPR Training (TBD)
6 pm Dinner and Movie Night (FH)



Monday, November 23

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

Tuesday, November 24

9 am Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, November 25

7 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Day



NEXT Sunday, November 29

8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
9 am Sunday Morning Live (Love Rm & Zoom)
9 am The Bible Class (FH & Zoom)
10:15 am **Worship**
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
Friends and Family of 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
Gremi Family
Trans Folks
Chris Allen (Stepson of Linda Allen)
James Bradley (Son of Cindy Mayhew)
Beth Mabb
Scott Thompson
Jessica Rigler
Sherri Ulett
Pat Kelly (friend of Janet Riley)

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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