LoveJoy United
Presbyterian Church

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
10:15 AM

✣ Gathering

Words of Welcome

Honoring our Veterans

Prelude Prayer Kreutzer/Mark

* Call to Worship

The Lord is coming. Whom will you serve?
As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.
What has God done for you?
Wondrous works. Unforgettable deeds.
Strength in the wilderness; paths of liberation!

Say more.
We'll never stop telling our story.
The next generation will hear it.
Children not yet born will know it.

Hope in God, whose story will never end.
Forever we will praise
our faithful helper and deliverer!

* Prayer of the Day

* Hymn 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

[1] Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

[2] God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud;
we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.

[3] Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

[4] May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

Prayer of Confession

God of the Hebrew prophets,
you teach us that justice is love put into action.
We confess that we are quick to speak justice with our mouths,
but we hesitate to enact it in our lives and our community.
We love to celebrate justice-doers,
but we are afraid to let their witness spark us into action.
We see wrongs done to our neighbors,
but we choose to stay silent rather than confront injustice.
Have mercy on us, God of life, and forgive us.
Make us doers of your will: doers of love and justice...

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,

19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Proclamation of the Word **Vintage Voices: The Lovejoy Legacy**

✣ Responding

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

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 765 *May the God of Hope God with Us* (2x)

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

*Charge & Benediction

* Postlude Psalm of Praise Ritter

✣ 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.

Vintage Voices: The Lovejoy Legacy: This powerful program brings history to life through first-person portrayals of individuals connected to the legacy of Elijah P. Lovejoy. Celia Lovejoy, his devoted widow; William "Scotch" Johnston, a free Black man, who secretly buried Lovejoy's body; Amanda Kitchell Chavers, whose freedom was secured when Alton's citizens united to purchase it; Thomas Dimmock, who led the effort to build the Lovejoy Monument; and Isaac H. Kelly, the first official Lovejoy Grave Trustee.

✣ 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 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 with Vintage Voices (Sanctuary & Zoom)**
11:30 am Coffee Hour (Narthex)

Monday, November 9

9 am Food Pantry
10 am Mat Weaving (Hope Room)
Noon PEO Women's Meeting



Tuesday, November 10

9 am Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, November 11 – Veteran's Day

9 am **Kid's Rooting and Reaching Day!**
10:15 am Lectionary Bible Study (FH & Zoom)
11:30 am Lunch Bunch
4 pm Cantata Rehearsal
7 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, November 12

2 pm OWL Planning Committee (FH)
6:30 pm **Session Meeting (FH & Zoom)**

NEXT Sunday, November 15

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)



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
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

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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