



"Love doesn't just sit there like a stone, it has to be made, like bread; remade all the time made new." Ursula K Le Guin

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES		Sandra Morris
WELCOME GREETING		Pastor Karen Griswold
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Julie McIntosh
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader:	Where shattered hearts are made whole, where wounded souls are healed, where life is stronger than death:	
PEOPLE:	there, the stone has been rolled away.	
Leader:	Where the lonely become our friends, where a stranger is welcomed home, where hope is stronger than despair,	
PEOPLE:	there, we find Jesus walking.	
Leader:	Where closed wallets are opened, where the anxious find serenity, where love is stronger than hate:	
PEOPLE:	there, Jesus is opening our eyes.	
Leader:	The stone has been rolled away! Jesus is our companion on the journey! Our eyes are opened to the needs of others!	
ALL:	Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is with us!	
*HYMN	<u>"Just a Little Talk With Jesus"</u>	Song folder #23
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	<u>"His Name is Wonderful"</u> chorus	#118
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<u>"Goodness of God"</u>	Sandra Morris
YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENT		Nancy Hamilton
PASTORAL PRAYER		
SILENT MEDITATIO		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
*HYMN	<u>"Trust and Obey"</u>	#571
SCRIPTURE	Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)	Julie McIntosh
TODAY'S MESSAGE	<u>"Breaking Bread"</u>	Pastor Karen Griswold
*HYMN	<u>"He Lives"</u>	#368
*BLESSING & BENEDICTION		
*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE	<u>"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"</u> vs 1	#426
POSTLUDE		

*Please stand if you are able.

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The candle on the altar represents our continued prayers for Peace.

THIS WEEK

TODAY	Worship & Property Team meetings after Church 4:00 – 5:00 pm Scout meetings
Apr 28	9:30 am Tuesday Mornings – prayer & scripture review
May 2	Youth Progressive Dinner

COMING UP

May 3	8:30 am Deacons Meeting Sacrament of Holy Communion during the service Finance Team Meeting after Church
May 5	6:00 pm Church Board Meeting
May 6	6:00 pm Joe Kay SONKA Storyteller in the Friendship Hall
May 7	12:00 pm Missionary Aide Spring Guest Day
May 11	6:00 pm Pastoral Relations Team Meeting
May 16	6:00 pm Small Group at Andy & Bec Smith's

- The Missionary Aide project for April is shelter needs. Lists of urgently needed items for both the Homeless Shelter and Soteria House are posted in the MISSION CORNER. All donations are much appreciated.
- April is also our month to supply the Food Pantry. Food and products needed are posted in the Mission corner and may be left on the table. Monetary donations may be placed in the orange donation box. All donations are very much appreciated.
- Your continued support is appreciated and may be mailed to West Liberty UCC, PO Box 427, West Liberty, OH 43357.

PRAYER REQUESTS and JOYS

Praying for someone is like wrapping them in a blanket of God's Love



Marcus Taylor	Rick & Renay Fullerton	Tony Grant	Mark Wilson	Deb Pattee-Chiles	Sammy McInnis
Todd Harbour	Michelle Moffitt-Greene	Anna Blankenship	Dennis Plank	Allison Daulton	
	Carol Savage	John Perkins	Mary Engle		
Our Confirmands		Our nursing home residents & shut-ins		Our service men & women	

Serving Today

Organist: Sandra Morris	Nursery:	Sound: Elisa Lash
Song Leader: Lauren Flora	Youth Message: Nancy Hamilton	Screens: Ed Armentrout
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Penny Higgins	Videotaping: Bec Smith

Serving Next Week (May 3, 2026)

Organist: Sandra Morris	Nursery:	Sound: Ray Etgen
Song Leader: Lauren Flora	Youth Message: Scott Griswold	Screens: Kaylee Powell
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Scott Griswold	Videotaping: Bec Smith