



**“He is not here; for he has risen, just as he said.”
 ~~ Matthew 28:6**

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
 WELCOME GREETING
 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Karen Griswold
 Bill Warner

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God shows no partiality, none at all.
PEOPLE: God’s good news is for all times, all places, all creatures, all creation
 Leader: God’s good news is for our friends, our family, our enemies, and ourselves.
PEOPLE: God’s good news is for those who are safe, those who are in danger, those who are free and those in prison.
 Leader: God’s good news heals what has been, reconciles what is, and gives birth for what is to come.
ALL: God shows no partiality, none at all. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

RINGING of the BELL

***HYMN** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” #367

CHILDREN’S SKIT “An Easter Story: There’s So Much More!” Penny Higgins
 music “Your Grace”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE (unison)

On this day of joy, we confess that we have not always witnessed to or walked with joy of our faith. On this day of peace, we confess that we have not always witnessed to or walked the peace of our faith. On this day of good news, we confess that we have not always witnessed to or walked the new life of our faith. Forgive us when we let the world around us reign supreme. By your healing grace, raise us to new life, making us beacons of your joy, peace, good news, and new life.

Let us rejoice that on this day and every day you cover us with your abounding grace and love. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER
 SILENT MEDITATION
 THE LORD’S PRAYER

***RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERING** “Thank You, Lord” #513

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** “He Lives” #368

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 25:6-9 & Mark 16:1-8 (NRSV) Bill Warner
 TODAY’S MESSAGE “Who Will Roll the Stone?” Rev. Karen Griswold

***HYMN** “Christ Arose” #357

***BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE** “Because He Lives” vs 1 #358

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

A supervised nursery is provided for babies and toddlers in the basement.

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY** **9:00 am** Easter Breakfast
- 9:45 am** Children’s Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 am** Easter Service
- Apr 3** **6:00 pm** Consider This – discussion group
- Apr 4** **10:00 am** Missionary Aide meeting & luncheon
- Apr 7** **8:30 am** Deacons meeting
- Sacrament of Holy Communion during the service
- Finance Team meeting after Church
- 3:30 – 6:00 pm** Scout meetings
- Apr 8** **6:00 pm** Pastoral Relations Team Meeting
- Apr 9** **6:00 pm** Church Board meeting – all are welcome
- Apr 14** **3:00 – 5:00 pm** Combined Youth group gathering

- Your continued support is appreciated and may be mailed to West Liberty UCC PO Box 427, West Liberty.

PRAYER REQUESTS and JOYS (*New addition to prayer list)



Lucy & Luke Sue Hines Vicki Lingrell Chuck Buck Debbie Hamilton
 Josie Schmidt Chris Harr Becky Kendall Erin Giles
 Our nursing home residents Our service men & women

Serving Today

Organist: Rose Michael
 Song Leader: Vicki Lingrell
 Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Acolytes: Braxton Loudon & Wyatt Etgen
 Nursery: Michele Etgen
 Children’s Skit: Penny Higgins

Sound: Elisa Lash
 Screens: Ed Armentrout
 Videotaping: Jim Hoffman

Serving Next Week (Apr 7, 2024)

Organist: Rose Michael
 Song Leader: Vicki Lingrell
 Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Acolytes:
 Nursery: Denise Painter
 Children’s Message: Irene Crouch

Sound: Ed Armentrout
 Screens: Kaylee Powell
 Videotaping: Jim Hoffman