



“Be so busy loving your life that you have no time for hate, regret or fear.” Karen Salmansohn

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES		Sandra Morris
WELCOME GREETING		Pastor Karen Griswold
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Julie McIntosh
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		
Leader:	Come, all who have felt the weight of judgment, all who have stood in the shadow of shame.	
<b>PEOPLE:</b>	<b>We come to the One who sees us fully and loves us completely.</b>	
Leader:	In the presence of Jesus, stones of condemnation fall to the ground.	
<b>PEOPLE:</b>	<b>In the presence of Jesus, mercy triumphs over judgment.</b>	
Leader:	Here, grace is not an idea—it is a hand reaching out, lifting us to walk in newness of life.	
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>We come to be restored, renewed, and set free. Let us come to listen to the One who speaks truth with compassion and calls us into a life made whole. Speak to us Holy One.</b>	
<b>*HYMN</b>	<u>“Wonderful Words of Life”</u>	#406
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
<b>*RESPONSE &amp; PRESENTATION OF GIFTS</b>	<u>“His Name is Wonderful”</u> chorus	#118
<b>*PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<u>“This Little Light of Mine”</u>	Whitney Etgen, Delaney and Kolbie Swartz
YOUNG PEOPLE’S MOMENT		Carole Wilson
PASTORAL PRAYER		
SILENT MEDITATION		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
<b>*HYMN</b>	<u>“Because He Lives”</u>	#358
SCRIPTURE	John 7:53-8:11 (NIV)	Julie McIntosh
TODAY’S MESSAGE	<u>“Five Minutes”</u>	Pastor Karen Griswold
<b>*HYMN</b>	<u>“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”</u>	#503
<b>*BLESSING &amp; BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE</b>	<u>“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”</u>	#340
POSTLUDE		

\*Please stand if you are able.

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**THIS WEEK**

**TODAY** Education Team meeting after Church  
 Newsletter Deadline please send info to Kathy Etgen  
**4:00 - 6:30 pm** Scout Meetings at the Church

**Apr 21 9:30 am** Tuesday Mornings – prayer & scripture review

**COMING UP**

**Apr 26** Worship & Property Team meetings after Church  
**May 2** Youth Progressive Dinner  
**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

- During the month of April, lists for the food pantry along with 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	Diana Defibaugh	Mark Wilson	Deb Pattee-Chiles	Sammy McInnis
Todd Harbour	Michelle Moffitt-Greene	Anna Blankenship	Dennis Plank	Allison Daulton	Pam Davy	
	Carol Savage	John Perkins	Ruth Murphy	Mary Engle		
	Our Confirmands	Our nursing home residents & shut-ins	Our service men & women			

**Serving Today**

Organist: Sandra Morris	Nursery: Julie & Olivia Wilcox	Sound: Ed Armentrout
Song Leader: Lauren Flora	Youth Message: Carole Wilson	Screens: Brandy Powell
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Rob Painter	Videotaping: Bec Smith

**Serving Next Week (Apr 26, 2026)**

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