

"A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed." Henrik Ibsen

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME GREETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
Rev. Karen Griswold
Bill Warner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God. **PEOPLE:** The earth proclaims God's handiwork.

Leader: In speech without words, their voices are heard.

PEOPLE: In praise without language, their sounds extend throughout creation.

Leader: The law of God is pure, reviving the soul.

PEOPLELeader:
The teachings of God are sure, making wise the unsure.
The precepts of God are right, rejoicing in the heart.

PEOPLE: The ordinances of God are true and are righteous altogether.

Leader: Come and proclaim with the heavens the glory and majesty of our God.

RINGING of the BELL

*HYMN "This is the Day" (twice) #209

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN Bill Warner

SPECIAL MUSIC <u>"Because You Are"</u> Lucille Burden

PRAYER OF CONFESSION God of majesty and might, when we fail to hear the heavens proclaim your glory in speech without words, open our ears to perceive your precepts in the singing of the stars and in the music of the sun and moon; when we fail to perceive the wonder of your law in every act of kindness and mercy and in every act of devotion, revive our souls with your wisdom, and heal our hearts with your ways. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASTORAL PRAYER
SILENT MEDITATION
THE LORD'S PRAYER

*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERING <u>"Thank You Lord"</u> #513

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN <u>"God of Grace and God of Glory"</u> #435

SCRIPTURE Exodus 20:1-17 & John 2:13-25 (NRSV) Bill Warner TODAY'S MESSAGE "Refinement" Rev. Karen Griswold

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION – all are welcome

*HYMN <u>"O How I Love Jesus"</u> #92

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE <u>"How Firm a Foundation"</u> vs 1 #408

POSTLUDE *Please stand if you are able.

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

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY	Finance Team meeting after Church
	3:30 – 6:00 pm Scout meetings
Mar 5	6:00 pm Church Board Meeting - all are welcome
Mar 6	6:00 pm Consider This – discussion group
Mar 7	10:00 am Missionary Aide meeting - Sacrificial luncheon provided
Mar 10	5:00 – 7:00 pm United In Christ – Youth meeting
Mar 11	6:00 pm Pastoral Relations Team meeting
Mar 16	Joyce Tracy Memorial Service
Mar 17	Education Team meeting after Church
	3:00-4:30 Unity – 3 rd – 5 th grade youth meeting
	5:00-6:30 In Unison – 6 th – 8 th grade youth meeting

- Your continued support is appreciated and may be mailed to West Liberty UCC PO Box 427, West Liberty.
- Maundy Thursday Service will be at 6:00 pm at Knob Prairie Church. We will be packing hygiene kits, light supper, foot/handwashing service. West Liberty will collect trial size shampoo and conditioner and small boxes of band aids. All churches will be collecting socks of all sizes.

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



Lucy & Luke Sue Hines Cole Tiedemann Vicki Lingrell Bob Hall Chuck Buck Virginia Gregg Debbie Hamilton Bailey Plank Ed Grumman Snyder family Josie Schmidt Zach Swisher

Our nursing home residents Our service men & women

Organist: Rose Michael
Serving Today
Sound: Dennis McIntosh
Nursery: Denise Painter
Screens: Kaylee Powell
Ministers: The Entire Congregation
Children's Message: Bill Warner
Serving Next Week (Mar 10, 2024)

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

Nursery: Julie Wilcox
Children's Message: Rob Painter

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