



It is not the things we get, but the hearts we touch that will measure our success in life.

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
WELCOME GREETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS

"I Cannot Tell" tune: Londonderry Air

Rosie Michael
Pastor Karen Griswold
Tim Wilcox

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: People of God, celebrate the gifts that enrich our lives!
PEOPLE: Breath and food, caring people and gentle words, music and colors.
Leader: Celebrate God who is the giver.
PEOPLE: We praise God for knowing what we need and for giving even before we ask.
Leader: Many of God's gifts surprise us:
PEOPLE: Like the hug of a child, words of encouragement, bright colored blooms from gray buds.
Leader: Many of God's gifts fulfill us:
PEOPLE: New vocational opportunities, courage to stand up for justice, words that say "I love you."
Leader: Many of God's gifts change us:
PEOPLE: Light in days of darkness, hope when despair rules, forgiveness when sin burdens.
Leader: Now we let our common words thank God.
PEOPLE: O, God giver of every good and perfect gift, we thank you for reaching out to us, touching and caring, loving and giving.
Leader: And let our lives thank God,
PEOPLE: Help us, O God, more and more to become giving people reaching out to those who lack, touching the lonely ones, caring for those who are troubled, living with all in joy and hope and peace, giving gifts of time and self and wealth.
Leader: In our giving we grow in God's image.
PEOPLE: For God is a giver.
Leader: We become more like the people God made us to be.
PEOPLE: For God created us for good.
Leader: In our giving, we become caring stewards for God.
ALL: Today, O God, consecrate our living and our giving, Amen

***HYMN**

"Wonderful Words of Life"

#406

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

"They'll Know We Are Christians" vs 2

#429

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Great is Our God"

Whitney & Lyla

YOUNG PEOPLES MOMENT

Betty Crowe & Carol Hemphill

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT MEDITATIO

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN**

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Song folder #33

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:35-40 (NIV)

Tim Wilcox

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"Natural Response"

Pastor Karen Griswold

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you offered me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me in.
PEOPLE: I was in need and you responded with love. I was hurting and you showed me compassion. I was alone and you reached out to care.
Leader: I had no clothing and you covered me. I was sick and you stood by my side. I was in prison and you did not forget me.
PEOPLE: Then the faithful people will ask, "When did we see you hungry or thirsty, or welcome you as a stranger?"
Leader: "When did we see you in need of clothing, or visit you in sickness or confinement?"
PEOPLE: And Jesus will answer, "Truly I tell you---whenever you did one of these things for someone overlooked or struggling, that was me. You did it for me." May we live with eyes wide open, hearts ready to respond and hands willing to serve---as if we are serving Christ in every person we meet. Amen.

***HYMN**

"We Are Called to Be God's People"

#415

***BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE**

"God Will Take Care of You" vs 1

#692

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THIS WEEK

TODAY Blanket Sunday
Education Team meeting after Church
5:00 -6:30 pm Scout meetings
May 19 Tuesday Mornings – prayer & scripture review
Newsletter deadline – please send information to Kathy Etgen
May 20 6:00 pm Sharing the Light of Our Faith – part 2
May 23 6:00 pm Small Group at Andy & Bec Smith's
May 24 Guest Melanie Park will share information about Many Churches One God
Worship Team meeting after Church
May 31 Graduation Sunday
Property Team meeting after Church

COMING UP

- 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 Todd Harbour Michelle Moffitt-Greene
Allison Daulton John Perkins Mary Engle James Kaelin Chuck Grumman Sandra Morris Cheryl Wolford
Diana Definbaugh Lowell Buck
Our Confirmands Our nursing home residents & shut-ins Our service men & women

Serving Today

Organist: Rosie Michael Nursery: Julie & Olivia Wilcox Sound: Dennis McIntosh
Song Leader: John Edwards Youth Message: Betty Crowe & Carol Hemphill Screens: Ed Armentrout
Ministers: The Entire Congregation Jr. Church: Penny Higgins Videotaping: Bec Smith

Serving Next Week (May 24, 2026)

Organist: Sandra Morris
Song Leader: Nancy Hamilton
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Nursery:
Youth Message: Carole Wilson
Jr. Church: Scott Griswold

Sound: Elisa Lash
Screens: Kaylee Powell
Videotaping: Bec Smith