



**“If you want to turn your life around, try thankfulness. It will change your life mightily.” ~Gerald Good**

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME GREETING

Rev. Karen Griswold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Warner

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, and whose steadfast love endures forever.

**PEOPLE: This is the gate of the Lord. Let us enter together and give thanks and praise to the Lord.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**PEOPLE: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, and whose steadfast love endures forever.**

RINGING of the BELL

\*HYMN

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

#45

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Pastor Karen

SPECIAL MUSIC

“King of Kings”

Lucille Burden

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Loving Creator, we are often a confused people. In a world that so often seems to turn in a blur, we can get caught up in the craziness of day-to-day activities. We lose sight of who we really are and where we are really going. When that happens, forgive us. When we are tempted to blame others for our missteps, stop us. Intervene in our lives and guide us to renew our lives with you.

Assure us that, even in those moments where we turn from you, still you seek us out and offer forgiveness. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

\*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERING

“Thank You, Lord”

#513

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

#300

TODAY’S MESSAGE

“Life of the Beloved”

Rev. Karen Griswold

SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:1-41 (NRSV)

Bill Warner

\*HYMN

“The Old Rugged Cross”

#327

\*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE

“Tell Me the Story of Jesus” chorus

#295

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able.

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

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>TODAY</b>	Property & Worship Team meetings after service
	<b>2:30 pm</b> Green Hills Worship Service
<b>Mar 27</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b> Consider This – discussion group
<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b> Maundy Thursday Service at Knob Prairie Church
<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b> Community Good Friday Service at Greenhills
<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Easter Breakfast
	<b>9:45 am</b> Children’s Easter Egg Hunt
	<b>10:30 am</b> Easter Service
<b>Apr 4</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> Missionary Aide meeting & luncheon
<b>Apr 7</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> Deacons meeting
	Sacrament of Holy Communion during the service
	Finance Team meeting after Church
<b>Apr 8</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b> Pastoral Relations Team Meeting
<b>Apr 9</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b> Church Board meeting – all are welcome

- Maundy Thursday Service donations need to be at the Church by Wednesday (shampoo, conditioner, band aids & socks.)
- We will have a self-guided “Going to the Cross” experience available at the Church on Good Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Please feel free to stop and walk through the experience at your convenience on Friday.
- One Great Hour of Sharing offerings accepted through March.
- 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: Bentley Sullivan & Kayla Tracey  
Nursery: Olivia Wilcox  
Children’s Message: Pastor Karen

Sound: Ray Etgen  
Screens: Kaylee Powell  
Videotaping: Jim Hoffman

**Serving Next Week (Mar 31, 2024)**

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

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

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