



**“Don’t live down to expectations. Go out there and do something remarkable.”
Wendy Wasserstein**

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME GREETING

Rev. Karen Griswold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rob Painter

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The God whom we worship calls us to discipleship:

PEOPLE: To follow where Christ leads;

Leader: And obey what Christ commands;

PEOPLE: To follow when it is not easy

Leader: To follow when others think us foolish;

PEOPLE: To follow where justice leads;

Leader: To follow where love guides us;

PEOPLE: To follow even when it leads to the cross.

Leader: Come let us worship the living God,

ALL: Who loves us and leads us and promises to never let us go!

RINGING of the BELL

***HYMN**

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

#602

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Irene Crouch

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

Lauren Flora

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **Like Peter, O Lord, we sometimes try to dissuade you away from your mission. We do not want you to be a Christ who models the ways of suffering, service, and sacrifice. We want you to be a Christ who takes us to glory, who makes life easier for us, who lifts above daily trials and troubles. But you challenge us and direct us in the way of the cross. You teach the paradoxes of faith, in losing our lives we find them, in giving that we receive, in forgiving that we are forgiven, in loving that we will be loved. We confess we want our truths to be simpler. Help us to learn to travel the path you have shown in Jesus Christ. Empower us to be your disciples, faithfully serving you through all the seasons of our life. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERING**

“How Great Thou Art” (refrain)

#147

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN**

“I Surrender All”

#596

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 17:1-7 & Mark 8:31-38 (NRSV)

Rob Painter

TODAY’S MESSAGE

“Faith Discovery”

Rev. Karen Griswold

***HYMN**

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

#592

***BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Change My Heart, O God”

#654

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

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

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY	Worship & Property Team Meetings after Church
Feb 28	6:00 pm Consider This – discussion in the Friendship Hall
Mar 2	6:00 pm Small Group at Andy & Bec Smith’s home
Mar 3	8:30 am Deacon Meeting
	Sacrament of Holy Communion during the service
	Finance Team meeting after Church
Mar 5	6:00 pm Church Board Meeting - all are welcome
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

- 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	Cole Tiedemann	Vicki Lingrell	Bob Hall
Virginia Gregg	Debbie Hamilton	Bailey Plank		
Our nursing home residents		Our service men & women		

Organist: Rose Michael
Song Leader: Lauren Flora
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Serving Today
Nursery: Michele Etgen
Children’s Message: Irene Crouch
Serving Next Week (Mar 3, 2024)

Sound: Ray Etgen
Screens: Ed Armentrout
Videotaping: Jim Hoffman

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

Nursery: Denise Painter
Children’s Message: Bill Warner

Sound: Dennis McIntosh
Screens: Kaylee Powell
Videotaping: Jim Hoffman