



**Prayer is not a spare wheel that you pull out when you are in trouble. Use it as a steering wheel that keeps you on the right path throughout your life.**

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME GREETING

Rev. Karen Griswold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rob Painter

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lead us in the way of truth, O God.

**People:** Show us your holy pathways.

Leader: Your way is steadfast love and faithfulness.

**People:** Teach us to follow where you lead.

Leader: We trust in your way, O Lord.

**All:** To you, we lift our souls.

RINGING of the BELL

\*HYMN

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

Song folder #37

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Patty Kauffman

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Spiritual Songs Medley"

Penny Higgins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION      **We long to be known by you at our best, Holy One. We long to hear the words, "You are my beloved child, with you I am well pleased." Yet we remember times when our actions caused pain. For these acts, forgive us, we pray. We remember too, when we have caused harm by failing to act or by failing to speak. For these inactions, forgive us, we pray.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Our God renews and restores us in loving-kindness. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERING

"How Great Thou Art" (refrain)

#147

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN

"Hymn of Promise"

Small song book #20

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:8-17 & 1 Peter 3:18-22 (NRSV)

Rob Painter

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"Pathways"

Rev. Karen Griswold

\*HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#139

\*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE

"Take the Name of Jesus with You" vs 3

#235

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able.

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

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The alter flowers are presented by Lauren Flora in memory of Shirley Hostetler's Birthday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**TODAY**

Education Team meeting after Church

**2:30 – 5:30** Unity & In Unison youth Mardi Gras Super BOWL Party

**3:30 – 6:00** Scout Meetings at the Church

**Feb 19**

Newsletter deadline – please provide information to Kathy

**Feb 21**

**6:00 pm** Consider This – discussion group in the Friendship Hall

**Feb 25**

Worship & Property Team Meetings after Church

**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 and potluck

- 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

Bill Loudon

Jan Smucker

Chuck Buck

Sue Hines

Megan Lacher

Cole Tiedemann

Vicki Lingrell

Bob Hall

Virginia Gregg

Debbie Hamilton

Our nursing home residents

Our service men & women



Organist: Rose Michael

Song Leader: Lauren Flora

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

**Serving Today**

Nursery: Olivia Wilcox

Children's Message: Patty Kauffman

Sound: Elisa Lash

Screens: Kaylee Powell

Videotaping: Jim Hoffman

**Serving Next Week (Feb 25, 2024)**

Organist: Rose Michael

Song Leader: Lauren Flora

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Nursery: Michele Etgen

Children's Message: Irene Crouch

Sound: Ray Etgen

Screens: Ed Armentrout

Videotaping: Jim Hoffman