



*"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase just take the first step." Martin Luther King, Jr.*

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES		Rosie Michael
WELCOME GREETING		Pastor Karen Griswold
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Bill Warner
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		
Leader:	God meets us every morning with mercy and grace, calling us out of darkness into the brilliance of divine presence.	
<b>PEOPLE:</b>	Jesus calls us from blindness to sight and from despair into hope, guiding our hearts toward understanding and peace.	
Leader:	Christ, the Light of the World, illuminates our paths, showing us the works of God in creation, community, and compassion.	
<b>PEOPLE:</b>	We lift our voices in praise, trusting the One who restores vision to our hearts, minds and souls.	
Leader:	The Spirit moves among us, quickening our spirits and renewing our courage to follow God's call.	
<b>PEOPLE:</b>	With gratitude, we enter God's sanctuary, opening ourselves to guidance, transformation, and abundant life.	
<b>*HYMN</b>	<b><u>"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"</u></b>	#21
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
<b>*RESPONSE &amp; PRESENTATION OF GIFTS</b>	<b><u>"Awesome God"</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 lines	#179
<b>*PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<b><u>"His Eye is on the Sparrow"</u></b>	Lauren Flora
YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENT		Carole Wilson
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison)		
<p><b>Maker of Visions, Spirit of Truth, you have called us to be light for the world, people who illuminate your grace mercy and love. Yet we hide in the shadows, afraid to let anyone see us as we really are. You call us to see the pain of others, to comfort the suffering and to be channels of your love. Yet we close our eyes to the misery around us, afraid to change the way things have always been done. You call us to show your beauty and truth, in all that we say and in all that we do. Forgive us, Holy One, when we refuse to see the gifts, you spread before us for the healing of your world.</b></p>		
WORDS OF ASSURANCE		Pastor Karen Griswold
PASTORAL PRAYER		
SILENT MEDITATION		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
<b>*HYMN</b>	<b><u>"Open My Eyes That I May See"</u></b>	#563
SCRIPTURE	John 9:1-41 (NIV)	Bill Warner
TODAY'S MESSAGE	<b><u>"More Than Meets the Eye"</u></b>	Pastor Karen Griswold
<b>*HYMN</b>	<b><u>"Fairest Lord Jesus"</u></b>	#87
<b>*BLESSING &amp; BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE</b>	<b><u>"Amazing Grace"</u></b> vs 1	#343
POSTLUDE	*Please stand if you are able.	

**CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**THIS WEEK**

<b>TODAY</b>	Education Team Meeting after Church
	<b>4:00 – 5:00 pm</b> Scout meetings
	<b>5:00 pm</b> In Unison -Youth event at the Church (grades 3-7)
<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> Tuesday Mornings – prayer and scripture review
<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b> Consider This – discussion
<b>Mar 19</b>	Newsletter deadline – please send information to Kathy Etgen
<b>Mar 22</b>	Worship Team meeting after Church
	Unity Youth (2 <sup>nd</sup> grade and younger) and parents after Church
	<b>2:30 pm</b> Otterbein-Green Hills service
	<b>4:00 – 6:30 pm</b> Scout Meetings
<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> Fifth Sunday Breakfast – Join the deacons for breakfast
	Property Team meeting after Church

**COMING UP**

- March Missionary Aide project is children's clothing. Donations of new or gently used clothing, new socks & underwear for all ages - tots to teens will be greatly appreciated and can be placed in the overflow room.
- During the month of March, One Great Hour of Sharing donations will be collected. This offering helps rebuild from disaster, feed the hungry, provide clean water to the thirsty, empower the oppressed, and restore hope. Offering envelopes are in the pew holders.
- 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*



Vicki Lingrell	Marcus Taylor	Rick & Renay Fullerton	Tony Grant	Joe Buck	James Kaelin
	Diana Defibaugh	Mark Wilson	Deb Pattee-Chiles	Bud Tomlinson	
		Sammy McInnis	Todd Harbour		
Our Confirmands		Our nursing home residents & shut-ins		Our service men & women	

**\*\* Christian sympathies extended to the family & friends of Carolyn Greene\*\***

**Serving Today**

Organist: Rosie Michael	Nursery: Julie & Olivia Wilcox	Sound: Dennis McIntosh
Song Leader: Lauren Flora	Youth Message: Carole Wilson	Screens: Brandy Powell
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Rob Painter	Videotaping: Bec Smith

**Serving Next Week (Mar 22, 2026)**

Organist: Rosie Michael	Nursery: Carole Wilson	Sound: Ed Armentrout
Song Leader: Lauren Flora	Youth Message:	Screens: Tim Wilcox
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church:	Videotaping: Bec Smith