



*"The doors we open and close each day decide the lives we live."
Flora Whittemore*

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME GREETING

Rev. Karen Griswold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Warner

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Gather us in, O God,
PEOPLE: From east and west and north and south
 Leader: Bring us together in the light of your truth,
PEOPLE: That we may be fed and restored in body and spirit.
 Leader: Turn the deserts of our longing and despair
PEOPLE: Into life-giving springs of forgiveness and hope.
 Leader: Lead us to the feet of Jesus
PEOPLE: That we may learn ways of humility and love.
 Leader: Let us hear again of the steadfast love of God in Christ Jesus.
ALL: That we may rejoice and give thanks to the Lord our God.

RINGING of the BELL

***HYMN** "Holy, Holy, Holy" #3

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN Rob Painter

SPECIAL MUSIC "One Day" Adult Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **God of grace, we confess to you that our deeds do not always match the words of our faith. Save us from our hypocrisy. Help us to have the mind of Christ; to live humbly seeking to do your loving will above all else. Help us to put aside our own hunger for power and glory and, instead, to hunger for the well-being and rights of others. Make us eager to share leadership especially in the church, treating all equally as brothers and sisters in Christ. As we sit at the feet of Jesus, give us ears to listen to his words above all others. Then may that word sink deep into our hearts and minds, giving us the strength to follow in humility and faith. Above all, O God, assure us that Christ lives and is present now to forgive and strengthen us. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERING** "Thank You, Lord" #513

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** "There is a Redeemer" #308

SCRIPTURE Numbers 21:4-9 & John 3:14-21(NRSV) Bill Warner

TODAY'S MESSAGE "Snakes, Again" Rev. Karen Griswold

***HYMN** "Amazing Grace" #343

***BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE** "I Love to Tell the Story" vs 1 #444

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

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

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| TODAY | 3:30 – 6:00 pm Scout meetings | Mar 17 | 5:00-6:30 In Unison – 6 th – 8 th grade youth |
| | 5:00 – 7:00 pm United In Christ – Youth | Mar 19 | Newsletter deadline – please send information to Kathy Etgen |
| Mar 11 | 6:00 pm Pastoral Relations Team meeting | | |
| Mar 13 | 6:00 pm Consider This – discussion group | Mar 24 | Property & Worship Team meetings after service |
| Mar 16 | Joyce Tracy Memorial Service | | |
| Mar 17 | Education Team meeting after Church | 2:00 pm | Green Hills Worship Service |
| | 3:00-4:30 Unity – 3 rd – 5 th grade youth | | |

- Maundy Thursday Service will be at 6:00 pm at Knob Prairie Church. We will be packing hygiene kits, light supper, foot/handwashing service. West Liberty will collect trial size shampoo and conditioner and small boxes of band aids. All churches will be collecting socks of all sizes.
- Our new church directory is now available to view on your computer, phones and tablets! Instant Church Directory has a member website as well as an app for iPhone, iPad and Android. On your phone or tablet simply go to the App Store, search for Instant Church Directory and download the FREE app to begin. (Android users find the app in the Google Play Store)
- 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)



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| Lucy & Luke | Sue Hines | Vicki Lingrell | Chuck Buck | Debbie Hamilton | Bailey Plank |
| Ed Grumman | Snyder family | Josie Schmidt | Zach Swisher | Jeanie Hunt | Chris Harr |
| | Our nursing home residents | | Our service men & women | | Becky Kendall |

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

Serving Today
 Nursery: Julie Wilcox
 Children's Message: Rob Painter
Serving Next Week (Mar 17, 2024)

Sound: Elisa Lash
 Screens: Ed Armentrout
 Videotaping: Bec Smith

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

Nursery: Jill Hoffman
 Children's Message: Penny Higgins

Sound: Dennis McIntosh
 Screens: Ed Armentrout
 Videotaping: Jim Hoffman