



"Live your life by a compass, not a clock." Stephen Covey

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
WELCOME GREETING

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

"I've Just Seen Jesus"

Rosie Michael
Pastor Karen Griswold

PASCHAL CANDLE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rosie Michael
Bill Warner

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 118 Written by Dr. Rev. Cheryl Lindsay)

Leader: O give thanks to the Holy One, for God is good; God's love abides, endures, and prevails forever!

PEOPLE: Alleluia! The resurrection life comes to us. Christ is risen!

Leader: In distress, I call. In grief, I cry. In despair, I come. The Holy One answers. The Holy One comforts. The Holy One comes.

PEOPLE: Alleluia! The resurrection life comes to us. Christ is risen!

Leader: God, my refuge and confidence, surrounds me with strength and victory! Exalt God's holy name!

PEOPLE: Alleluia! The resurrection life comes to us. Christ is risen!

*HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

#367

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

"His Name is Wonderful" chorus

#118

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Were You There?"

Church Kids

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENT

Scott Griswold

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison)

Holy Love, in every ending, there is a beginning. In the same way, beginnings signal an end. May the promise of new life enable us to end the things that do not serve us, to end the attitudes that do not honor you, and to end the ways in which we are complacent and complicit in the world. Empower us to leave those things in the tomb and follow your trail. Jesus, you have demonstrated the path of your kingdom, keep us on the road of abundant and transformed life as revived and encouraged participants in your resurrected and glorified body. Grant us grace when the realities of life overwhelm, threaten to consume us, and mire us in the past. For the newness of life, we pray. Have mercy on us, Holy One. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor Karen Griswold

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Ten Thousand Angels Cried"

Brandy Powell

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-20 (NIV)

Bill Warner

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"Scared to Life"

Pastor Karen Griswold

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION – all are welcome

*HYMN

"Christ Arose"

#357

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Leader: Christ is Risen! Go forth in joy

PEOPLE: From darkness and despair, we go to share Christ's hope and joy.

Leader: Christ is Risen! Go forth in faith.

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE

"Pass It On" vs 1

Song folder #24

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THIS WEEK

Apr 7 9:30 am Tuesday Mornings – prayer & scripture review

6:00 pm Church Board Meeting – all are welcome

COMING UP

Apr 9 10:00 am Missionary Aide Meeting & Luncheon

Apr 12 8:30 am Deacons Meeting

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER CHURCH

4:00 – 6:30 pm Scout meetings

Apr 13 6:00 pm Pastoral Relations Team meeting at the Church

Apr 19 Education Team meeting after Church

Newsletter Deadline please send info to Kathy Etgen

- April Missionary Aide project is shelter bags. Donations may be left in the bags in the Mission Corner.
- April is also our month to supply the Food Pantry. Food and products needed are posted in the Mission corner and may be left on the table. Monetary donations may be placed in the orange donation box. All donations are very much appreciated.
- There will be no Consider This for this week.
- 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



Marcus Taylor

Rick & Renay Fullerton

Tony Grant

James Kaelin

Diana Defibaugh

Mark Wilson

Deb Pattee-Chiles

Sammy McInnis

Todd Harbour

Kate Hemphill

Irene Crouch

Michelle Moffitt-Greene

Anna Blankenship

Our Confirmands

Our nursing home residents & shut-ins

Our service men & women

Serving Today

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

Nursery:
Youth Message: Scott Griswold
Jr. Church: Scott Griswold

Sound: Ray Etgen
Screens: Kaylee Powell
Videotaping: Bec Smith

Serving Next Week (Apr 12, 2026)

Organist: Sandra Morris
Song Leader: Lauren Flora
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Nursery: Carole Wilson
Youth Message: Penny Higgins
Jr. Church: Julie & Olivia Wilcox

Sound: Dennis McIntosh
Screens: Tim Wilcox
Videotaping: Bec Smith