



January 25, 2026

"A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal."
Steve Maraboli

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES		Rosie Michael
WELCOME GREETING		Pastor Karen Griswold
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Lauren Flora
<i>*CALL TO WORSHIP (written by Rev. Michael Anthony Howard)</i>		
Leader:	Come, people of God—the dawn is breaking! A new day rises where sorrow had settled in.	
PEOPLE:	The dawn is breaking—and we rise with it.	
Leader:	Where burdens have bent us low, the Holy One draws near, steadying our steps.	
PEOPLE:	The Holy One draws near—and we gather our courage.	
Leader:	Where yokes have weighed on shoulders and spirits, God is loosening what has held us down.	
PEOPLE:	What held us down is lifting—and we move toward freedom.	
Leader:	Come, all who yearn for justice; all who hope for healing; all who hunger for joy.	
PEOPLE:	We come to the dawning way, we come to the hopeful way, we come to the way God makes glorious.	
*HYMN	<u>"Take Time to be Holy"</u>	#656
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	<u>"There's Something About That Name"</u>	#83
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENT		Pastor Karen
PASTORAL PRAYER		
SILENT MEDITATION		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
*HYMN	<u>"Sweet Hour of Prayer"</u>	#640
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 27:1, 4-9 & Matthew 4:12-23 (NIV)	Lauren Flora
TODAY'S MESSAGE	<u>"Casting Deep"</u>	Pastor Karen Griswold
*HYMN	<u>"The Greatest Thing"</u>	#644
*BLESSING & BENEDICTION		
*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE	<u>"Fishers of Men"</u>	Song folder #21
POSTLUDE		

*Please stand if you are able.

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY		Worship & Property Team meetings after Church
Feb 1	8:30 am	Deacons meeting
		Sacrament of Holy Communion during Worship Service
		Finance Team Meeting after Church
Feb 3	9:30 am	Tuesday Mornings – Prayer & scripture review
	6:00 pm	Church Board Meeting – all are welcome
Feb 4	6:00 pm	Consider This - discussion
Feb 5	10:00 am	Missionary Aide meeting & luncheon – Program - The Good Earth
		speaker Lynden Roof from Farm Service Agency
Feb 8		Scout Sunday – Baked Potato lunch provided
	10:00 am	Youth Bake Sale – Donations appreciated
Feb 9	6:00 pm	Pastoral Relations Team meeting

- The Nominating Team is looking for someone to be our Financial Secretary. Primary duties include: a) collecting, recording and depositing all monies b) recording annual gifts upon request c) serve as a member of the Memorial Team. If interested or for more information, please contact Julie Wilcox.
- Missionary Aide is collecting items to be included in the Valentine Bags for our college students and those in the military. Items might include: pop tarts, individually wrapped snacks, easy mac, microwave popcorn, Ramon noodles, candies, or small personal items etc. donations are needed by February 1st. Also, if you have college students or someone in the military, please let Mary Headley or Janie Moffitt know so that we can include them.
- Your continued support is appreciated and may be mailed to West Liberty UCC, PO Box 427, West Liberty, OH 43357.

PRAYER REQUESTS and JOYS



Vicki Lingrell	Don Moffitt	Marcus Taylor	Renay Fullerton	Lauretta McClain	Joy Plank
Tony Grant	Jane Saltzman	Kim Hoberty	Dave Daulton	Paula Plank	
	Sandra Morris	Debbie Hamilton	Joe Buck	James Kaelin	

Our Confirmands Our nursing home residents & shut-ins Our service men & women

Serving Today

Organist: Rosie Michael	Nursery: Michele & Whitney Etgen	Sound: Ed Armentrout
Song Leader: Judy Legge	Youth Message: Pastor Karen	Screens: Brandy Powell
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Olivia Wilcox	Videotaping: Bec Smith

Serving Next Week (Feb 1, 2026)

Organist: Rosie Michael	Nursery: Judy Legge	Sound: Ray Etgen
Song Leader: Denise Painter	Youth Message: Scott Griswold	Screens: Tim Wilcox
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Scott Griswold	Videotaping: Bec Smith