



February 1, 2026

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

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
WELCOME GREETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rosie Michael
Pastor Karen Griswold
Rob Painter

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(written by Rev. Michael Anthony Howard)*

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 **"Take Time to be Holy"** #656

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS **"They'll Know We are Christians"** vs 4 #429

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENT Scott Griswold

PASTORAL PRAYER
SILENT MEDITATION
THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN **"Come to the Table of Grace"** Song folder #35

SCRIPTURE Psalm 27:1, 4-9 & Matthew 4:12-23 (NIV) Rob Painter
TODAY'S MESSAGE **"Casting Deep"** Pastor Karen Griswold

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION – all are welcome

*HYMN **"The Greatest Thing"** #644

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE **"Fishers of Men"** 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	8:30 am	Deacons meeting Sacrament of Holy Communion during Worship Service Finance & Worship Team Meetings 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 Thursday. 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	Tony Grant
Jane Saltzman	Kim Hoberty	Dave Daulton	Paula Plank	Sandra Morris	Debbie Hamilton
Joe Buck	James Kaelin	Hannah & Austin Fields	Kiri Adams	Diana Defibaugh	

**** Christian sympathies extended to the family & friends of Joy Plank and Robert Reed Wearly ****

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

Organist: Rosie Michael
Song Leader: Denise Painter
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

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

Sound: Ray Etgen
Screens: Tim Wilcox
Videotaping: Bec Smith

Serving Next Week (Feb 8, 2026)

Organist: Rosie Michael
Song Leader: Denise Painter
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Nursery:
Youth Message:
Jr. Church: Julie & Olivia Wilcox

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