



“What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity.” Joseph Addison

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES		
PRELUDE		Sandra Morris
WELCOME GREETING		Pastor Karen Griswold
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Penny Higgins
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader:	The Holy One shows us the way, even when we do not know where to go.	
PEOPLE:	We are called to live as children of the light, abiding in all that is good and right and true.	
Leader:	The Holy One leads us to pleasant places, filling our hearts with the waters of life.	
PEOPLE:	We are called to follow Jesus, bringing Christ’s light into the shadows.	
Leader:	The Holy One shows us the paths of peace, comforting us in times of trouble.	
PEOPLE:	We are called to become the body of Christ, pouring out our lives for the healing of the world.	
*RINGING of the BELL		
*HYMN	<u>“When Morning Gilds the Skies”</u>	#215
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	<u>“Praise Him! Praise Him!”</u> (chorus)	#12
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
SPECIAL MUSIC		Bentley Sullivan & Evelyn Connor
YOUNG PEOPLE’S MOMENT		Scott Griswold
PASTORAL PRAYER		
SILENT MEDITATION		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
*HYMN	<u>“Come to the Table of Grace”</u>	Song folder #35
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 139: 1-12 & Philemon 1:4-12(NIV)	Penny Higgins
TODAY’S MESSAGE	<u>“Identity”</u>	Pastor Karen Griswold
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION – all are welcome		
*HYMN	<u>“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”</u>	Song folder #33
*BLESSING & BENEDICTION		
*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE	<u>“God Be with You”</u> vs 1	#232
POSTLUDE		

*Please stand if you are able.
A nursery is available for babies and toddlers in the basement.

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY	Finance Team meeting after Church
	2:30 – 5:00 pm Scout meetings
Sept 8	6:00 pm Pastoral Relations Team meeting
Sept 9	9:30 am Tuesday Mornings – prayers & scripture review
	6:00 pm Church Board meeting – all are welcome
Sept 10	6:00 pm Porch Talks – parsonage front porch
Sept 14	5:00 - 7:00 pm United in Christ – youth meeting
Sept 19	Newsletter deadline – please send information to Kathy Etgen
Sept 21	Education team meeting after Church
	5:00 pm Fish Fry at Lowell & Sandy Buck’s woods

- Volunteers are needed for Nursery and Junior Church. Please see sign-up sheets in the overflow room.
- Missionary Aide will be collecting school supplies, children’s socks, underwear, jeans & coats until the 21st.
- The Church Fish Fry will be Sunday, September 21st at 5:00 pm at Lowell & Sandy Buck’s woods, 302 W Newell St., West Liberty. As before, Buck’s will furnish the fish (prepared by the Lion’s Club) drinks & paper products. Please bring a covered dish to share. RSVP by Sunday, Sept 14th to 937-465-2772 or email to lowellbuck@gmail.com.
- Don’t forget to order Scott Griswold’s bread and donate to the Alzheimer’s Walk. Forms are available in the overflow room.
- 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	Mary Bahner	Brandy McAdams	Michelle Moffitt
	Christina Porter	Rosie Michael	Heather Varian	Wayne Hamilton	
Our nursing home residents & shut-ins			Our service men & women		

** Christian sympathies extended to the family & friends of Jan Sherwood**

Serving Today

Organist: Sandra Morris	Nursery:	Sound: Dennis McIntosh
Song Leader: Penny Higgins	Youth Message: Scott Griswold	Screens: Kaylee Powell
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Scott Griswold	Videotaping: Bec Smith
Serving Next Week (Sept 14, 2025)		
Organist: Sandra Morris	Nursery:	Sound: Elisa Lash
Song Leader: Penny Higgins	Youth Message: Pastor Karen	Screens: Ed Armentrout
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Brandy Powell	Videotaping: Bec Smith