



January 7, 2024

“When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don’t adjust the goals, adjust the action steps.” ~ Confucius

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME GREETING

Pastor Karen Griswold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Etgen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We seek you like the Magi
PEOPLE: Gifts ready, destination murky,
Leader: We ask the advice of the powerful
PEOPLE: But they know not the way
Leader: We seek the prince of peace
PEOPLE: Who leads us with a bright shining light
Leader: Into the ways of righteousness
PEOPLE: Where justice and mercy reign supreme.
Leader: Shine, Jesus shine
ALL: Light our path with your radiant love.

RINGING of the BELL

*HYMN “We Three Kings” #288

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN Patty Kauffman

SPECIAL MUSIC Lauren Flora & Darry Plank

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERING “There’s Something About That Name” #83

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN “Christ, Be Our Light” Song folder #27

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2 :1-12 (NRSV) Kathy Etgen

TODAY’S MESSAGE “Gifts of Light and Love” Pastor Karen Griswold

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION – all are welcome

*HYMN “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” #293

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION
Leader: Follow the kings of old in search of God’s son.
People: We go with the promise of new life in Christ.
Leader: Follow the magi in search of meaning and purpose.
People: We go with the promise of new life in Christ.

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

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

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY 8:30 am Deacons Meeting
Sacrament of Holy Communion during the service
Finance Team Meeting after Church
3:30 – 6:00 Scout meetings
Jan 9 6:00 pm Church Board Meeting – all are welcome
Jan 10 6:00 pm Consider This – **Living Compass** - “Adult Faith & Wellness Circle” will be the topic for the next 6 weeks – Heart, Soul, Mind & Strength - a good way to start the year.
Jan 13 6:00 pm Small Group at Andy & Bec Smith’s home
Jan 14 **Congregational Meeting after Church**
Worship Team will be taking down the Christmas Decoration helpers appreciated
5:00 pm United in Christ – youth 9th thru 12th grade
Jan 19 Newsletter deadline – please send information to Kathy Etgen
Jan 21 **Guest Speaker Rev David Long-Higgins, conference minister**
Education Team meeting after Church
3:00 pm Unity – youth 3rd thru 5th grade
5:00 pm Middle school youth

- 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)



Rick Fullerton Peggy B Wirick Greg Thomas Lucy Bill & Carole Barrett
Donnie Kauffman Elmer Oldenburg Diane Gault Miriam Grant
Our nursing home residents Our service men & women

Serving Today

Organist: Sue Hines
Song Leader: Lauren Flora
Ministers: The Entire Congregation
Nursery: Julie Wilcox
Children’s Message: Patty Kauffman

Sound: Dennis McIntosh
Screens: Kaylee Powell
Videotaping: Jim Hoffman

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