



January 14, 2024

"It's amazing how we can light tomorrow with today."
~~ Elizabeth Barrett Browning

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME GREETING

Pastor Karen Griswold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Etgen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The vast expanse of sky stretches in praise.

People: All the waters and streams cry out in longing.

Leader: The earth now hardened, incubates life.

People: The light shines in the darkness.

Leader: The glow is astounding.

All: And we your people awaken.

RINGING of the BELL

*HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

#431

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Irene Crouch

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Why Me, Lord"

Gary Heath

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

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart"

#390

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-5 & Mark 1:4-11 (NRSV)

Kathy Etgen

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"The Curtain is Closed – Light Shines in the Darkness"

Pastor Karen Griswold

INSTALLATION OF 2024 CHURCH OFFICERS AND LEADERSHIP TEAMS

*HYMN

"This is My Father's World"

#143

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Day"

#209

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

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

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Congregational Meeting after Church

3:30-6:00 pm Scout meetings

5:00 pm United in Christ – youth 9th thru 12th grade

Jan 17

6:00 pm Consider This - **Living Compass** – "Adult Faith & Wellness Circle"

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

Jan 28

Worship & Property Team meetings after Church

- The Deacons want to celebrate Valentines Day with a slide presentation of wedding/sweetheart pictures so . . . dig out those olde photo albums send or bring in a picture of your wedding and the date. Also, if you have your parents wedding pictures you can send them too! You can take a picture of a picture or bring in an original photo, whatever works best for you.
- February Missionary Aide Project is Valentine bags. The ladies will appreciate donations for wrapped items for the bags and need to know who we have in college or the military to send the bags to. Please help us with these things.
- 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)



Peggy B Wirick Lucy Bill & Carole Barrett Donnie Kauffman Elmer Oldenburg

Diane Gault Miriam Grant Doug Bigler Debbie Hamilton

Our nursing home residents

Our service men & women

Organist: Sue Hines

Song Leader: Lauren Flora

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Serving Today

Nursery: Olivia Wilcox

Children's Message: Irene Crouch

Sound: James Powell

Screens: Ed Armentrout

Videotaping: Jim Hoffman

Organist: Sue Hines

Song Leader: Judy Legge

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Serving Next Week (Jan 21, 2024)

Nursery: Michele Etgen

Children's Message: Bill Warner

Sound: Elisa Lash

Screens: Ed Armentrout

Videotaping: Jim Hoffman