



"When you have light in your mind, you shine. When you have light in your heart, you glow. When you have light in your soul, you rise." *Matshona Dhliwayo*

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Sandra Morris
WELCOME GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Julie Wilcox

*CALL TO WORSHIP Written by: Kase McIntosh, Brandel Sullivan, Beckett Sullivan
Leader: Good morning, Church
PEOPLE: This is the Lord's Day
Leader: Let us rejoice over:
PEOPLE: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Leader: Come as you are, with your joys and burdens, come to be led by the Spirit!

*RINGING OF THE BELL

*HYMN "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" #391

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Written by: Lucas Cook, Harrison Sutherin, Wyatt Etgen, Braxton Loudon
OFFERTORY

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Written by: Lucas Cook, Harrison Sutherin, Wyatt Etgen, Braxton Loudon

SPECIAL MUSIC "Where No One Stands Alone" Gary Heath

YOUNG PEOPLES MOMENT Nancy Hamilton

CENTERING PRAYER Written by: Kayla Tracey Makayla Moffitt, Emily King

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "Go Light Your World" Song folder #29

SCRIPTURE Psalm 63:1-8, Galatians 5:22-23 & Mark 1:16-20 (NIV) Julie Wilcox

TODAY'S MESSAGE "In Step With the Spirit" Pastor Karen Griswold

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Congregational Response: We will. We promise to show you love, to pray for you, to encourage you, and to walk with you in the way of Christ. We commit to being a community where you can ask questions, discover your gifts, serve others, and grow in grace. With God's help, we stand with you today and in all the days ahead.

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION Written by: Kynslie McIntosh, Bentley Sullivan

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE "Pass it On" vs 1 & 3 Song folder #24

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THIS WEEK	Aug 23	Confirmation Sunday – luncheon/reception following service Worship Team meeting after Church
	Aug 25 9:30 am	Tuesday Mornings – prayer & scripture review
	Aug 26 6:00 pm	Porch Talk – Parsonage front porch Newsletter deadline please send information to Kathy Etgen
COMING UP	Aug 30 9:30 am	Fifth Sunday Breakfast – all are welcome Guest Speaker Stewart Roberts Property Team Meeting after Church
	Sept 3 10:00 am	Missionary Aide Meeting & luncheon
	Sept 6 8:30 am	Deacon's Meeting Sacrament of Holy Communion during the service

- **Missionary Aide** will be resuming in September with their first meeting September 3rd. Their first project will be West Liberty Salem elementary supplies. Items needed include sweatshirts and sweatpants, long sleeved t-shirts, packaged socks & underwear. Children's sizes 5-6 to 14-16. Items may be left in the mission corner.
- **Family Day Event:** The Church will be sponsoring a family day event to Youngs Dairy on September 13th. Youth (under 21) will have their activities covered by the Church. We will be leaving at 1:00 from the Church. Anyone of any age is welcome to attend, feel free to bring your entire family. Adults attending who can transport youth, please let Rob Painter or Pastor Karen know by September 7th.
- **Youth Breakfast:** The /Church will begin hosting a Second Sunday Youth Breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of every month. It will be for youth who are confirmation age (middle school/early high school). We will meet at 9:00am for breakfast and devotions. This will also provide youth with a chance to plan for upcoming activities. The first Second Sunday Breakfast will be September 13th. Please let Rob Painter or Pastor Karen know by September 7th so arrangements may be made.
- Your continued support is appreciated and may be mailed to West Liberty UCC, PO Box 427, West Liberty, OH 43357.

PRAYER REQUESTS and JOYS

Praying for someone is like wrapping them in a blanket of God's Love



Marcus Taylor	Rick & Renay Fullerton	Tony Grant	Deb Pattee-Chiles	Todd Harbour	Michelle Moffitt-Greene
Cheryl Wolford	Adam Heath	Deb Piatt	Sammy McInnis	Bill Badenhop	Dave Daulton
	Sean & Kelsey Crowe	Robin Godwin	Springfield Hattian Community		Debbie Hamilton

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

**** Christian sympathies extended to the family & friends Gary Shaffer. ****

Serving Today

Organist: Sandra Morris	Nursery:	Sound: Ray Etgen
Song Leader: Lauren Flora	Youth Message: Nancy Hamilton	Screens: Ed Armentrout
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church:	Videotaping: Bec Smith

Serving Next Week (August 30, 2026)

Organist: Sandra Morris	Nursery:	Sound: Elisa Lash
Song Leader: Lauren Flora	Youth Message:	Screens: Brandy Powell
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church:	Videotaping: Bec Smith