



*Don't carry your mistakes around with you. Instead, place them under your feet and use them as stepping stones to rise above them.*

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

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| LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES           |                                                                                                         |                       |
| PRELUDE                           |                                                                                                         | Sandra Morris         |
| WELCOME GREETING                  |                                                                                                         | Pastor Karen Griswold |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS                     |                                                                                                         | Penny Higgins         |
| *CALL TO WORSHIP                  |                                                                                                         |                       |
| Leader:                           | The same God who said, "let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give us knowledge. |                       |
| PEOPLE:                           | When a creative word or vision is rare, God speaks, nonetheless.                                        |                       |
| Leader:                           | When words become law, yet fail to feed and heal, the word made flesh risks action.                     |                       |
| PEOPLE:                           | May word and words empower us this hour--Let us embrace the Spirit.                                     |                       |
| *RINGING of the BELL              |                                                                                                         |                       |
| *HYMN                             | <u>"Amazing Grace"</u>                                                                                  | #343                  |
| INVITATION TO THE OFFERING        |                                                                                                         |                       |
| OFFERTORY                         |                                                                                                         |                       |
| *RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | <u>"Praise Him! Praise Him!"</u> (chorus)                                                               | #12                   |
| *PRAYER OF DEDICATION             |                                                                                                         |                       |
| SPECIAL MUSIC                     | <u>"You Say"</u>                                                                                        | Whitney Etgen         |
| YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENT             |                                                                                                         | Rob Painter           |
| PASTORAL PRAYER                   |                                                                                                         |                       |
| SILENT MEDITATION                 |                                                                                                         |                       |
| THE LORD'S PRAYER                 |                                                                                                         |                       |
| *HYMN                             | <u>"Change my Heart, O God"</u>                                                                         | #654                  |
| SCRIPTURE                         | 2 Corinthians 4:5-11(NIV)                                                                               | Penny Higgins         |
| TODAY'S MESSAGE                   | <u>"What We Carry"</u>                                                                                  | Pastor Karen Griswold |
| *HYMN                             | <u>"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"</u>                                                         | #293                  |
| *BLESSING & BENEDICTION           |                                                                                                         |                       |
| *CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE           | <u>"Since Jesus Came into My Heart"</u> vs 1                                                            | #503                  |
| 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.*

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| TODAY   | Education team meeting after Church                     |
|         | 2:30 – 5:00 pm Scout meetings                           |
|         | 5:00 pm Fish Fry at Lowell & Sandy Buck's woods         |
| Sept 23 | 9:30 am Tuesday Mornings – prayers & scripture review   |
| Sept 27 | 6:00 pm Small Group at Andy & Bec Smith's home          |
| Sept 28 | Worship & Property Team meetings after Church           |
| Oct 2   | 10:00 am Missionary Aide meeting and luncheon           |
| Oct 5   | 8:30 am Deacon's meeting                                |
|         | Sacrament of Holy Communion observed during the service |
|         | Finance Team meeting after Church                       |
| Oct 12  | Congregational Meeting after Church                     |

- Volunteers are needed for Nursery and Junior Church. Please see sign-up sheets in the overflow room.
- The Church Fish Fry is today at 5:00 pm at Lowell & Sandy Buck's woods, 302 W Newell St., West Liberty. Buck's will furnish the fish (prepared by the Lion's Club) drinks & paper products. Please bring a covered dish to share.
- Don't forget to order some of Scott Griswold's bread to support the Alzheimer's Walk on October 18<sup>th</sup>. 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



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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Vicki Lingrell                        | Don Moffitt     | Marcus Taylor    | Mary Bahner             | Brandy McAdams  | Michelle Moffitt |
| Rosie Michael                         | Heather Varian  | Wayne Hamilton   | Christy Ulmer           | John Bailes     |                  |
| Allison & Dave Daulton                | Renay Fullerton | Lauretta McClain | Brenda Coy              | Our Confirmands |                  |
| Our nursing home residents & shut-ins |                 |                  | Our service men & women |                 |                  |

Serving Today

|                                    |                            |                        |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Organist: Rosie Michael            | Nursery:                   | Sound: Ed Armentrout   |
| Song Leader: Penny Higgins         | Youth Message: Rob Painter | Screens: Kaylee Powell |
| Ministers: The Entire Congregation | Jr. Church: Wilcox's       | Videotaping: Bec Smith |
| Serving Next Week (Sept 28, 2025)  |                            |                        |
| Organist: Sandra Morris            | Nursery:                   | Sound: Ray Etgen       |
| Song Leader: Penny Higgins         | Youth Message: Bill Warner | Screens: Ed Armentrout |
| Ministers: The Entire Congregation | Jr. Church: Brandy Powell  | Videotaping: Bec Smith |