Aug 16, 2026 CONFIRMATION BAPTISM DAY

"Follow what you love, and it will take you where you want to go."
Natalie Goldberg

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES — **"Now I Belong to Jesus"** — Rosie Michael
WELCOME GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS — Julie Wilcox

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ calls us—just as He called the disciples—up from the ordinary places of life. He invites us to draw near, to be with Him, and to learn His way.
PEOPLE: We come, ready to follow the One who calls us by name.
Leader: Jesus appoints His followers with purpose and sends them with power. He shapes our lives so that His love may be seen through us.
PEOPLE: We gather to worship the Lord who forms us, commissions us, and walks with us.
ALL: Holy God, we answer Your call. Make us faithful in Your presence and bold in Your mission.

*RINGING OF THE BELL

*HYMN — "**This is the Day**" (twice) — #209

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY
*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS — **"They'll Know We are Christians"** vs 4 — #429
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

YOUNG PEOPLES MOMENT — Penny Higgins

PASTORAL PRAYER
SILENT MEDITATION
THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE — Matthew 3:13-16 (NIV) — Julie Wilcox
SERMONETTE — **"Stepping In"** — Pastor Karen Griswold

*HYMN — **"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"** — #602
***Confirmands leave during this hymn**

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — *Please stand if you are able.

Confirmation Baptism follows at Lions Park – please feel free to join us there for the Baptisms.

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
The candle on the altar represents our continued prayers for Peace.

THIS WEEK	**Aug 18**	**9:30 am**	Tuesday Mornings – prayer & scripture review
	Aug 19	**6:00 pm**	Porch Talk – Parsonage front porch
			Newsletter deadline please send information to Kathy Etgen
COMING UP	**Aug 23**		Confirmation Sunday
			Worship Team meeting after Church
	Aug 30	**9:30 am**	Fifth Sunday Breakfast – all are welcome
			Property Team Meeting after Church
	Sept 3	**10:00 am**	Missionary Aide Meeting & luncheon

- Next Sunday is Confirmation Sunday! The hospitality team will be providing a lite lunch/reception following the service. We hope you can stay to celebrate with the Confirmands.
- Missionary Aide will be resuming in September with their first meeting September 3rd. Their first project will be West Liberty Salem elementary school supplies. 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 Sept 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, Gary Shaffer, Bill Badenhop, Virginia Gregg, Brenda Coy, Dave Daulton, Neil Blankenship, Debbie Hamilton, Sean & Kelsey Crowe, Springfield Hattian Community

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

***** Christian sympathies extended to the family & friends Marti Thevenin, a dear friend of Lowell & Sandy Buck*****

Serving Today

Organist: Rosie Michael
Song Leader: Lauren Flora
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Nursery:
Youth Message: Penny Higgins
Jr. Church: Penny Higgins

Sound: Ed Armentrout
Screens: John Edwards
Videotaping: Bec Smith

Serving Next Week (August 23, 2026)

Organist: Sandra Morris
Song Leader: Lauren Flora
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Nursery:
Youth Message: Nancy Hamilton
Jr. Church:

Sound: Ray Etgen
Screens: Ed Armentrout
Videotaping: Bec Smith