



January 21, 2024

"In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future."
~~ Alex Haley

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
WELCOME GREETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Karen Griswold
Lucille Burden

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people.
PEOPLE: Though the way may be challenging, God will be with us.
Leader: We need not fear.
PEOPLE: In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.
Leader: Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness and love.
PEOPLE: Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may rise up to faithfully follow you. AMEN.

RINGING of the BELL

*HYMN "Open My Eyes That I May See" #563

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN Bill Warner

SPECIAL MUSIC "Called to Be Family" Adult Choir

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 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" Song folder #33

SCRIPTURE John 14:1-14 (NRSV) Lucille Burden
TODAY'S MESSAGE "Love Forms a Room" Rev. David Long-Higgins

*HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" #589

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION
*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE

"Go In Love" Song folder #38

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

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

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY	Education Team meeting after Church
	3:30 – 6:00 Scout meetings
	3:00 pm Unity – youth 3 rd thru 5 th grade
	5:00 pm Middle school youth
Jan 24	6:00 pm Consider This – discussion group
Jan 28	Worship & Property Team meetings after Church
Feb 1	10:00 am Missionary Aide meeting and luncheon
Feb 3	Lions Club Pancake Breakfast in the Friendship Hall
Feb 4	8:30 am Deacons meeting
	Sacrament of Holy Communion during the service
	Finance Team meeting after church

- The Deacons want to celebrate Valentines Day with a slide presentation of wedding/sweetheart pictures so . . . dig out those old 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 of wrapped items for the bags and they need to know who we have in college or the military to send the bags to. Please give names to Jane Moffitt.
- 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	Debbie Hamilton	Bill Louden	Hoot Gibson
				Jan Smucker
Our nursing home residents			Our service men & women	

****Christian Sympathies extended to the family and friends of R L Murphy and Doug Bigler****

Organist: Sue Hines
Song Leader: Penny Higgins
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Serving Today

Nursery: Michele Etgen
Children's Message: Bill Warner

Sound: Elisa Lash
Screens: Ed Armentrout
Videotaping: Jim Hoffman

Organist: Sue Hines
Song Leader: Lauren Flora
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Serving Next Week (Jan 28, 2024)

Nursery: Denise Painter
Children's Message: Rob Painter

Sound: Ray Etgen
Screens: Kaylee Powell
Videotaping: Jim Hoffman