



January 11, 2026

One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they are not alone.

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES		Rosie Michael
WELCOME GREETING		Pastor Karen Griswold
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Kathy Etgen
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader:	Come, you who are weary, you who have been bruised by life, you whose flame has flickered in the winds of the world.	
PEOPLE:	We come, longing to be renewed.	
Leader:	The Holy One who stretches out the heavens is stretching us now—stretching our hearts toward courage, our hands toward compassion, our lives toward gentle justice.	
PEOPLE:	We open ourselves to be stretched into new life.	
Leader:	A voice from heaven says to us, as it said to Jesus: You are my beloved. This Spirit rests upon us, too.	
PEOPLE:	We are God’s Beloved, called to bring gentle justice.	
Leader:	Come, let us remember who we are.	
ALL:	Let us worship God with joy.	
*RINGING of the BELL		
*HYMN	<u>“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”</u>	#293
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND LEADERSHIP TEAMS FOR 2026		See screens for response
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	<u>“There’s Something About That Name”</u>	#83
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
YOUNG PEOPLE’S MOMENT		Bill Warner
PASTORAL PRAYER		
SILENT MEDITATION		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
*HYMN	<u>“Holy Ground”</u> sing twice	#138
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 42:1-9 & Matthew 3:13-17 (NIV)	Kathy Etgen
TODAY’S MESSAGE	<u>“New Things”</u>	Pastor Karen Griswold
BAPTISM RENEWAL LITURGY		See screens
*HYMN	<u>“Spirit of the Living God”</u>	#389
*BLESSING & BENEDICTION		
*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE	<u>“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”</u> vs 1	#393
POSTLUDE		

*Please stand if you are able.

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY	Quarterly Congregational Meeting immediately following the service in the sanctuary
Jan 12 6:00 pm	Pastoral Relations Meeting at the church
Jan 13 9:30 am	Tuesday Mornings – Prayer & scripture review
Jan 14 6:00 pm	Consider This - discussion will start back up for 2026
Jan 18	Education Team meeting after Church
Jan 19	February Newsletter deadline – please send information to Kathy Etgen
Jan 24 6:00 pm	Small Group at Andy & Bec Smith’s home
Jan 26	Worship & Property Team meetings after Church

- The Nominating Team is looking for someone to be our Financial Secretary. Primary duties include: a) collecting, recording and depositing all monies b) recording annual gifts upon request c) serve as a member of the Memorial Team. If interested or for more information, please contact Julie Wilcox.
- Missionary Aide is collecting items to be included in the Valentine Bags for our college students and those in the military. Items might include: pop tarts, individually wrapped snacks, easy mac, microwave popcorn, Ramon noodles, candies, or small personal items etc. donations are needed by February 1st.
- Your continued support is appreciated and may be mailed to West Liberty UCC, PO Box 427, West Liberty, OH 43357.

PRAYER REQUESTS and JOYS



Vicki Lingrell	Don Moffitt	Marcus Taylor	Renay Fullerton	Lauretta McClain	Joy Plank
Tony Grant	Virginia Gregg	Janice Stout	Jane Saltzman	Kim Hoberty	
Dave Daulton	Paula Plank	Katie Tezak	Sandra Morris	Debbie Hamilton	
Our Confirmands		Our nursing home residents & shut-ins		Our service men & women	

Serving Today

Organist: Rosie Michael	Nursery: Michelle & Makayla Moffitt	Sound: Ray Etgen
Song Leader: Judy Legge	Youth Message: Bill Warner	Screens: Kaylee Powell
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Julie Wilcox	Videotaping: Bec Smith

Serving Next Week (Jan 18, 2026)

Organist: Rosie Michael	Nursery: Julie McIntosh	Sound: Elisa Lash
Song Leader: Judy Legge	Youth Message: Rob Painter	Screens: Ed Armentrout
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Rob Painter	Videotaping: Bec Smith