



"In the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures."
Kahill Gibran

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD		
PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES	<u>“Since Jesus Came into My Heart / He’s Only a Prayer Away”</u>	Rosie Michael
WELCOME GREETING		Pastor Karen Griswold
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Lauren Flora
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader:	To you, O God, we lift up our souls. We trust you!	
PEOPLE:	Make your ways known to us. Teach us your truths.	
Leader:	To you, O God, we lift up our souls. We follow you!	
PEOPLE:	Lead us in your ways. Your path liberates and saves.	
Leader:	To you, O God, we lift up our souls. We worship you!	
ALL:	Guide us in humility and goodness. Praise the Holy One!	
*RINGING OF THE BELL		
*HYMN	<u>“What a Friend We Have In Jesus”</u>	Lyric video
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	<u>“Praise Him! Praise Him!”</u>	chorus #12
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
YOUNG PEOPLES MOMENT		Nancy Hamilton
SPECIAL MUSIC	<u>“Somebody’s Knockin’ at Your Door”</u>	Church choir
PASTORAL PRAYER		
SILENT MEDITATION		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
*HYMN	<u>“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”</u>	#581
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 78:1-4; 12-16 Matthew 21:23-32 (NIV)	Lauren Flora
TODAY’S MESSAGE	<u>“Yes! You Mean Now?”</u>	Pastor Karen Griswold
*HYMN	<u>“His Name is Wonderful”</u>	#118
*BLESSING & BENEDICTION		
*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE	<u>“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”</u>	vs 1 #602
POSTLUDE		

*Please stand if you are able.

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THIS WEEK	Today	Worship & Property Team meetings after Church
		4:00 – 5:00 pm Scout meeting at the Church
	Sept 29	9:30 am Tuesday Mornings - Prayer & scripture review
	Sept 30	6:00 pm Walk and Talk – meet at the Church
	Oct 1	10:00 am Missionary Aid Meeting and luncheon
COMING UP	Oct 4	8:30 am Deacons Meeting
		Sacrament of Holy Communion during the service
		Finance Team meeting after Church
	Oct 6	6:00 pm Church Board meeting – all are welcome
	Oct 7	6:00 pm Living Well in the Midst of Grief and Loss
	Oct 11	9:00 am Youth 2 nd Sunday Breakfast – Youth 7 th – 12 th grades
		Congregational Meeting after service /lite lunch provided

- Strengthening the Church Offering will be collected through the month of September. Donation envelopes are in the pew holders.
- October will be our month to supply the Food Pantry. A list of items needed is posted in the mission corner.
- 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



Rick & Renay Fullerton	Tony Grant	Deb Pattee-Chiles	Todd Harbour	Adam Heath	Deb Piatt
Bill Badenhop	Debbie Hamilton	Robin Godwin	Pam Forsythe	Tara Tracey	Mark Wilson
		Rick Zirkle	Pat Montrose	Jovie Gainer	

Springfield Hattian Community Our nursing home residents & shut-ins Our service men & women

**** Christian sympathies extended to the family & friends of Virginia Gregg ****

Serving Today		
Organist: Rosie Michael	Nursery:	Sound: Ray Etgen
Song Leader: Lauren Flora	Youth Message: Nancy Hamilton	Screens: Tim Wilcox
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Julie/Olivia Wilcox	Videotaping: Bec Smith
Serving Next Week (Oct 4, 2026)		
Organist: Rosie Michael	Nursery:	Sound: Dennis McIntosh
Song Leader:	Youth Message: Penny Higgins	Screens: John Edwards
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Penny Higgins	Videotaping: Bec Smith