



You are the artist of your life. Don't give the paintbrush to anyone else.

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES	<u>"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"</u>	Rosie Michael
WELCOME GREETING		Pastor Karen Griswold
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Phil Etgen
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader:	God of Truth, we acknowledge that we meet you here in this time and place.	
PEOPLE:	We gather as a community formed by you, called by your name, and charged for your purpose.	
Leader:	We ask you to guide our hearts, minds and souls to know your ways.	
PEOPLE:	We place our hope in your abiding love, abundant creation, and awesome works. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.	
*RINGING OF THE BELL		
*HYMN	<u>"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"</u>	Lyric video
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	<u>"Give Thanks"</u>	#170
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
YOUNG PEOPLES MOMENT		Penny Higgins
PASTORAL PRAYER		
SILENT MEDITATION		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
*HYMN	<u>"Come to the Table of Grace"</u>	Song folder #35
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)	Phil Etgen
TODAY'S MESSAGE	<u>"Whose Vineyard?"</u>	Pastor Karen Griswold

COMMUNION LITURGY

One: From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to the table.

Many: We come from many peoples, many places, many traditions.

One: We come with the songs of our ancestors and the prayers of those who came before us.

Many: We come carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy.

One: From the villages of Africa and the islands of the Pacific, from the mountains of Asia and the cities of the Americas, from the churches of Europe and the Middle East—

Many: We come as one people, gathered in Christ.

One: Some come to this table with abundance. Some come longing for daily bread.

Many: Christ welcomes us all.

One: Some come singing. Some come grieving. Some come with questions. Some come with gratitude.

Many: Christ welcomes us all.

One: Today, the walls that divide us do not have the final word. Language does not divide us. Geography does not divide us. Culture does not divide us.

Many: At Christ's table, there is room for all.

One: Come, people of God. Come with open hands and open hearts.

All: We come to receive. We come to remember. We come to share. We come to be made one.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION – all are welcome		
*HYMN	<u>"Lord, I Lift My Name on High"</u> (twice)	#107
*BLESSING & BENEDICTION		
*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE	<u>"Rejoice in the Lord Always"</u> (once in unison)	#745
POSTLUDE	*Please stand if you are able.	

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THIS WEEK	Today	Finance Team meetings after Church
	5:15 – 6:15 pm	Scout meeting at the Church
	Oct 6	9:30 am Tuesday Mornings - Prayer & scripture review
		6:00 pm Church Board Meeting – all are welcome
	Oct 7	6:00 pm Living Well in the Midst of Grief and Loss
COMING UP	Oct 11	9:00 am Youth 2 nd Sunday Breakfast – Youth 7 th – 12 th grades
		Congregational Meeting after service /lite lunch provided
	Oct 17	Alzheimer's Walk
	Oct 18	Education Team Meeting after Church
		2:30 pm Otterbein/Green Hills Church Service
	Oct 19	November Newsletter deadline – please send information to Kathy Etgen

- Neighbors In Need Offering will be collected through the month of October. Neighbors in Need is a UCC offering that supports ministries of justice and compassion. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's justice ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Donation envelopes are in the pew holders.
- October is 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 Zerkle	Pat Montrose	Jovie Gainer	Karl Marshall	Katie Connolly	

Springfield Hattian Community

Our nursing home residents & shut-ins

Our service men & women

**** *Christian sympathies extended to the family & friends of Virginia Burden & Dawson Thomas* ****

Serving Today

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

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

Sound: Dennis McIntosh
Screens: John Edwards
Videotaping: Bec Smith

Serving Next Week (Oct 11, 2026)

Organist: Rosie Michael
Song Leader: Lucille Burden
Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Nursery:
Youth Message: Nancy Hamilton
Jr. Church: Julie/Olivia Wilcox

Sound: Elisa Lash
Screens: Ed Armentrout
Videotaping: Bec Smith