



January 18, 2026

*We aren't called to make God love us;
we are called to believe He already does.*

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES		Rosie Michael
WELCOME GREETING		Pastor Karen Griswold
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Lauren Flora
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader:	Arise! Awake to the dawn of a new day-- Look—Jesus is here among us, the One who brings hope, healing, and new beginnings.	
PEOPLE:	We come with open hearts, ready to meet Him.	
Leader:	Jesus turns to us, just as He turned to the first disciples, and asks, “What are you looking for?”	
PEOPLE:	We’re looking for purpose, for peace, for connection.	
Leader:	And Jesus says, “Come and see.”	
PEOPLE:	We gather to follow the way of the one who knows us, calls us, and invites us into a new way of life.	
*HYMN	<u>“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”</u>	#684
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	<u>“There’s Something About That Name”</u>	#83
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
SPECIAL MUSIC	<u>“We are Called to Be God’s People”</u>	Church Choir
YOUNG PEOPLE’S MOMENT		Rob Painter
PASTORAL PRAYER		
SILENT MEDITATION		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
*HYMN	<u>“Jesus, Name Above All Names”</u> sing twice	#86
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 49:1-7 & John 1:29-42 (NIV)	Lauren Flora
TODAY’S MESSAGE	<u>“What Do You Want?”</u>	Pastor Karen Griswold
*HYMN	<u>“Jesus Call Us”</u>	#592
*BLESSING & BENEDICTION		
*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE	<u>“Shine, Jesus, Shine”</u> vs 1	#431
POSTLUDE		

*Please stand if you are able.

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY		Education Team meeting after Church
Jan 19		February Newsletter deadline – please send information to Kathy Etgen
Jan 20	9:30 am	Tuesday Mornings – Prayer & scripture review
Jan 21	6:00 pm	Consider This - discussion
Jan 24	6:00 pm	Small Group at Andy & Bec Smith’s home
Jan 25		Worship & Property Team meetings after Church
Feb 1	8:30 am	Deacons meeting
		Sacrament of Holy Communion during Worship Service
		Finance Team Meeting after Church
Feb 3	6:00 pm	Church Board Meeting – all are welcome
Feb 5	10:00 am	Missionary Aide meeting & luncheon – Program - The Good Earth speaker Lynden Roof from Farm Service Agency

- 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	Jane Saltzman	Kim Hoberty	Dave Daulton	Paula Plank	
	Sandra Morris	Debbie Hamilton	Joe Buck	Pat Trimble	

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

Serving Today		
Organist: Rosie Michael	Nursery: Julie McIntosh	Sound: Elisa Lash
Song Leader: Judy Legge	Youth Message: Rob Painter	Screens: Tim Wilcox & Kaylee Powell
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Rob Painter	Videotaping: Bec Smith
Serving Next Week (Jan 25, 2026)		
Organist: Rosie Michael	Nursery: Michele & Whitney Etgen	Sound: Ed Armentrout
Song Leader: Judy Legge	Youth Message: Pastor Karen	Screens: Brandy Powell
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Olivia Wilcox	Videotaping: Bec Smith