



# CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MOMENT:

"To err is human; to forgive is divine."

-Alexander Pope

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Turn away from the calls of worldly success,  
**We repent and turn back to God.**

Turn away from the desire to have what everyone else has.

**We repent and turn back to God.**

Turn away from greed and the race for power.

**We repent and turn back to God.**

As we worship in Lent, we seek reconciliation.

**We seek forgiveness and healing.**

May our hearts find wholeness,

**May our bodies find renewal from our praise!**

### HYMN #632 "Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether"

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in thy name,  
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup:

Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

## PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/LORD'S PRAYER

### HYMN SING

#### #723 "Shall We Gather At The River" v. 1 & 4

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

#### #374 "Standing On The Promises" v. 1 & 2

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.  
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God.  
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

## SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 18:21-35

## **HYMN #390 “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”**

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us, Lord, to pray;  
But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease;  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

## **MESSAGE: The Uncertainty of Forgiveness**

### **OFFERING**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

### **SHARING IN THE GIFTS OF COMMUNION**

### **INVITATION:**

Christ our Lord invites us all to his table...

### **CONFESSION & PARDON:**

Merciful God,  
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**LEADER:** Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**PEOPLE:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**ALL:** Glory to God! Amen!

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GRACE**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## **HYMN #589 “The Church Of Christ, In Every Age” (V.1-2 & 5)**

The church of Christ, in every age beset by change but Spirit-led,  
Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord,  
To care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

## **BENEDICTION**

### **FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG**

#664 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”  
Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
to work for God’s Kingdom and answer the call.