

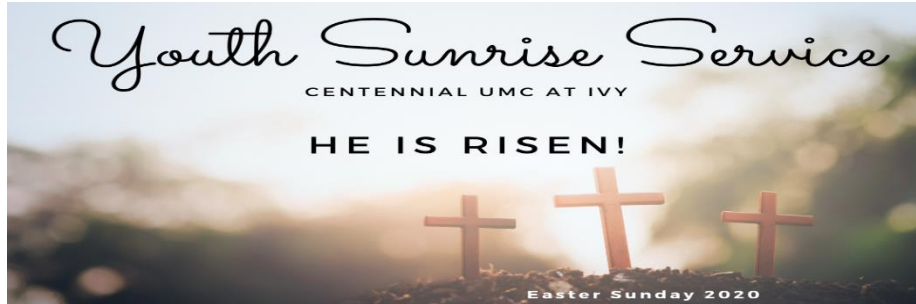


# CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

9150 East University Avenue, Altoona, IA 50009

Pastor Dani Musselman

Sunday, April 12, 2020



## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME: Aidan

RESPONSIVE READING: Olivia & Macy

Reader 1: Easter begins in despair. Our life, our love,  
our hope forever dead, crushed by a boulder,  
bottled up in a cave.

Reader 2: Who will roll away the stone?

Reader 1: Easter takes us by surprise, early in the  
morning. The obstacles we expect to face are  
removed. Where once death and despair laid locked  
in time now the bright light of hope sprouts wings to  
fly from emptiness. It is, at first, too good to be true.

Reader 2: Where have you laid him?

Reader 1: When faced with a miracle, our first reflex  
is to run.

Reader 2: Be not afraid. We seek Jesus of Nazareth  
who was crucified. He is risen; he is not here: see the  
place where they laid him. But go your way. Tell his  
disciples and Peter that he goes before you into  
Galilee. There you shall see him.

Reader 1: Suddenly the realization dawns. It may rise  
as quietly as the sun creeping over the horizon, or it  
may explode like fireworks, painting the world with  
dazzle. We recognize the One who was dead as he  
comes to life in us. Christ is risen, risen indeed!

**Everyone together: Alleluia!**

Reader 2: And all who encounter the Risen One  
whether gently roused by the sunrise or surprised by  
the sudden burst of joy will join the Resurrection  
Procession. One by one, slipping into step, some of us  
singing, some of us silently soaking it in, and all of us  
feeling like dancing.

**Everyone together: Alleluia! Christ is risen,  
risen indeed!**

INTRODUCE HYMN: Landan

HYMN: "Lord of the Dance"

PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER: Boman & Brock

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us  
our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalms 118: 14-24: Brock & Landan

John 20: 1-18: Tylar & Olivia

EASTER REFLECTIONS ON HOPE

OFFERING & PRAYER: Aidan

INTRODUCE HYMN: Landan

HYMN: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Tylar

CLOSING PRAYER: Macy

BENEDICTION: Boman

With love & gratitude, Pastor Dani