

### CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY



# LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS CENTERING MOMENT:

"It's not that Jesus is uninterested in what happens on earth. Quite the opposite is true. Jesus didn't come to tell us to give up on the earth, any more than he came to rule it like Pilate. Jesus came to redeem it... Jesus didn't come to take over Pilate's system; he came to replace it." -Sarah Dylan Breuer

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks. All: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;

One: We will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

All: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow.

One: For Christ is the life we long for; He is the Word who sustains us.

All: We wave palm branches in anticipation; we lay our love before him to cushion his walk.

One: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he enters Jerusalem:

All: Modeling humility and gentleness for us all.

One: We will praise the God who loves us and face with courage our path of faith.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God!

## PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/LORD'S PRAYER

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 READING: Matthew 21:1-11** 

MESSAGE: "Follow Me": to Jerusalem

#### **COMMUNITY PRAYER:**

Inspire our hearts, O God, to follow where Christ walked, for Christ has marked us as his own.

You have fed us all
out of your own generous and gracious hands.
From them, we have received welcome,
nourishment, hope, and grace.
May these things grow in us,
alongside the gift of faith.

And through the Holy Spirit,
guide us in the week ahead
to remember our place
in your great ongoing story
of resurrection, redemption, & restoration.
Amen.

#### **OFFERING & PRAYER**

#### BENEDICTION

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Between now and Monday, April 13, we will not have any in person events or worship services at the church. Please virtually join us for worship on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and Sunday mornings at 10:30am on Facebook and YouTube. Check out our website <a href="ivycentennial.org">ivycentennial.org</a> to stay updated and find all the necessary links you'll need as we stay connected as a community during this time. If you have any questions, concerns, or prayer requests during this time, please email Pastor Dani at <a href="mailto:pastordanim@gmail.com">pastordanim@gmail.com</a> or call/text her at 515-447-0497.

With love & gratitude, Pastor Dani