



CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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Sunday, August 16, 2020



LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT:

“Prayer is where the action is.”

-John Wesley

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Lord, teach us to pray.

So we might awaken to the wonder of Your presence.

Lord, teach us to pray.

So we would learn to forgive and accept forgiveness.

Lord, teach us to pray.

So we would consider others more important than ourselves.

Lord, teach us to pray.

So the lonely find the everlasting peace of Your Spirit.

Lord, teach us to pray.

So we would discover Your kingdom revealed in our neighbors.

Lord, teach us to pray.

So we can truly declare Your glory & the world will know Your name!

HYMN #2062 “The Lily of the Valley”

I have found a friend in Jesus, he’s everything to me,
he’s the fairest of ten thousand to my soul;
The Lily of the Valley, in him alone I see
all I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.

In sorrow he’s my comfort, in trouble he’s my stay,
he tells me every care on him to roll.
(Hallelujah!) He’s the Lily of the Valley, the bright and
Morning Star,
he’s the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

He all my grief has taken, and all my sorrows borne;
In temptation he’s my strong and mighty tower;
I have all for him forsaken, and all my idols
torn from my heart, and now he keeps me by his power.

Though all the world forsake me, and Satan tempts me sore,
through Jesus I shall safely reach the goal.
(Hallelujah!) He’s the Lily of the Valley, the bright and Morning
Star,
he’s the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

He will never, never leave me, nor yet forsake me here,
while I live by faith and do his blessed will;
A wall of fire about me, I’ve nothing now to fear,
with his manna he my hungry soul shall fill.

Then sweeping up to glory, to see his blessed face,
where rivers of delight shall ever roll.
(Hallelujah!) He’s the Lily of the Valley, the bright and Morning
Star,
he’s the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.
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BACKPACK BLESSINGS:

Loving God, we ask that you bless these backpacks.
Make them strong for their job of helping our kids learn. May
their straps never break, their zippers never jam, and may
these students be ever blessed by your love.

May you guide all- students, teachers, counselors,
administrators, & custodians...

Be with them and help them as they begin a new year
of learning, teaching, growing, and serving...

May their minds and their pencils be sharp; may their lunches
never be forgotten at home; and may their erasers help them
remember that mistakes are okay
-- in fact they might be the most important part of the
process...

God, thank you for glue sticks and homework folders and
laptops and crisp new notebooks waiting to be filled; thank
you for schools and libraries and all helpers;
thank you for the gift of curiosity and for your Wisdom that is
all around...

We pray this and everything in the name of our Great Teacher,
Jesus, Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS/PATORAL/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 READINGS: Matthew 6:1-21

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ

All Praise to the Living Word!

HYMN: #2146 "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the
 shadows come?

Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven
 and home,

When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
 I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
 For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches
 me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,
 And resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and
 fears; though by the path he leadeth but one step I
 may see:

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
 I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
 For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches
 me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
 When song gives place to sighing, when hope within
 me dies,
 I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free:

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
 I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
 For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches
 me.

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 For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches
 me.

MESSAGE: Praying Radically

OFFERING

COMMUNITY PRAYER:

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere!
 Release a space to plant your Presence here.
 Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every
 light and form. Grow through us this moment's bread and
 wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us,
 as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.
 Help us not forget our Source, Yet free us from not being in
 the Present From you arises every Vision, Power, and Song
 from gathering to gathering. May our future actions grow
 from here! Amen.

**A retranslation of the Lord's Prayer*

HYMN #2243 "Take Time to Be Holy "

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
 abide in him always, and feed on his word.
 Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
 forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
 spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
 By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;
 thy friends in thy conduct, his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide;
 and run not before him, whatever betide.
 In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
 and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
 Each thought and each motive beneath his control.
 Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,
 Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

BENEDICTION:

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For the month of August, we'll worship each Sunday
 in August at 10:30am over the radio in the church
 parking lot and online. We hope you'll join us for
 worship in our parking lot sometime this month.
 We're still able to sing, pray, and reflect together in
 this safe way. And on the last Sunday of the month,
 we'll celebrate communion together again. You can also
 join us for virtual worship on Sunday
 mornings at 10:30am on Facebook or YouTube.

Check out ivycentennial.org to stay updated and find all
 the necessary links for worship. If you have any questions,
 concerns, or prayer requests, please
 email Pastor Dani at pastordanim@gmail.com or
 call/text her at 515-447-0497

With love & gratitude, Pastor Dani