



# CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

9150 East University Avenue. Altoona, IA 50009

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Sunday, August 23, 2020



## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For those worshipping online, you can find our bulletin on our website [ivycentennial.org](http://ivycentennial.org)
- We plan to have rally day which will be a bonfire & brief outdoor worship on Wed., September 16 from 6:30-7:30p. More details to come!

## CENTERING MOMENT:

“Being right is not the defining mark of the Christian life. We are defined—and ultimately judged—by how we practice love.” -Rev. Adam Hamilton

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

In a cynical and despairing world, O God,  
Give me a quietly prophetic voice.

In a violent and angry world, O God,  
Give me a peacefully prophetic voice.

In a dismissive and disinterested world, O God,  
Give me a thoughtfully prophetic voice.

In a lonely and inhospitable world, O God,  
Give me a lovingly prophetic voice.

In a grieving and weeping world, O God,  
Give me a joyfully prophetic voice.

May our prophetic lives tell the truth of Your grace,  
For all the nations to hear! Amen.

## HYMN #399 “Take My Life and Let it Be”

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

## 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: Luke 4:21-30

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ  
All Praise to the Living Word!

## **HYMN: #555 “Forward Through the Ages”**

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;  
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,  
manifold the service, one the sure reward.  
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;  
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.  
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,  
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; in each  
loss or triumph lose or triumph all.

Bound by God’s far purpose in one living whole,  
move we on together to the shining goal.

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

**MESSAGE:** Living Unafraid – Special guest Evan Fischer

## **OFFERING**

## **COMMUNITY PRAYER:**

Guide us into greater understanding of your  
priorities. We may not be called to great wealth  
or fortune, but You do call us to be faithful as  
disciples of Jesus Christ. Yesterday is a memory.  
Tomorrow is the unknown. We have only today to  
open our hearts to others. May our giving  
represent our open hearts as we hope to offer  
the world what we’ve found with you.  
Amen.

## **HYMN #364 “Because He Lives ”**

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came  
to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon; an empty  
grave is there to prove my Savior lives.  
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because  
he lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know he holds the future, and life is  
worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the  
pride and joy he gives;

But greater still the calm assurance, this child can  
face uncertain days because he lives.  
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because  
he lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know he holds the future, and life is  
worth the living just because he lives.

And then one day I’ll cross the river; i’ll fight life’s  
final war with pain’  
And then as death gives way to victory, I’ll see the  
lights of glory and I’ll know he reigns.  
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because  
he lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know he holds the future, and life is  
worth the living just because he lives.

## **BENEDICTION:**

## **FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG:**

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](http://ivycentennial.org) to stay updated and find  
all the necessary links for worship. If you have any  
questions, concerns, or prayer requests, please  
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With love & gratitude, Pastor Dani