



CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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HIDDEN GEMS



LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT:

I always wondered why it took "three days" for significant things to happen in the Bible--Jonah spent three days in the belly of the whale, Jesus spent three days in the tomb, Paul spent three days blind in Damascus--and now I know.

From earliest times, people learned that was how long they had to wait in the dark before the sliver of the new moon appeared in the sky.

For three days every month they practiced resurrection.
-Barbara Brown Taylor, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Where shall we find the God who inhabits our world?

We do not need to look up to find God...

We only need to look around:

Within ourselves,

Beyond ourselves...

And into the eyes of another.

We do not need to listen for a distant thunder to hear God,

We need to listen to the music of life...

To the questions of the curious...

And the words of children...

Hallelujah! We worship the God who inhabits our world;

Let us worship the God who indwells our lives!

Amen.

HYMN #2012 "Let Us with A Joyful Mind"

Let us with a joyful mind praise our God forever kind,
Rich with mercies that endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

New-made earth was filled with light through God's all
commanding might,
Rich with mercies that endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Dazzling bright the sun obeys God who shines with
brighter rays,
Rich with mercies that endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Stars and moon that spangle night all depend on
heaven's light,
Rich with mercies that endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Creatures of the sea and land all are fed by God's own
hand,
Rich with mercies that endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Therefore, with a joyful mind, praise our God forever kind,
Rich with mercies that endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN SING

#707 "Hymn of Promise" v. 1 & 3

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 20:7-12

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

All Praise to the Living Word!

HYMN #600 "Wonderful Words of Life"

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

MESSAGE: Preaching People to Death

OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN #578 "God of Love and God of Power"

God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning
hour

Grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits
free.

God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this
hour.

We are not the first to be banished by our fears from
thee;

Give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing
clear.

God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this
hour.

God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this
hour;

Offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.

God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this
hour.

BENEDICTION

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG

"May the Peace of the Lord Christ"

*May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
Wherever He may send you.*

*May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.*

*May He bring you home rejoicing at the
Wonders He has shown you.*

*May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our
doors.*

With Love, Pastor Dani