



CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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Sunday, July 26, 2020



LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT:

“Stretcher bearers are the handful of people who love you so much that they will be there for you, carry you when you can’t walk, and stand with you through thick and thin. But in some ways, though it sounds trite or cliché, the only way to have a friend (or stretcher bearer) is to be one.”

-Rev. Adam Hamilton

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,
for all are welcome in God’s house.

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,
for love is the language of faith.

Here in our lives, there is no space for discrimination,
for God dwells in each of us.

Here in this moment, there is only compassion.
Come, let us worship in friendship and love!

HYMN #121 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea; there’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good! There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood!

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind; And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God’s word; And our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

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: Ruth 1:1-5, 8-17

HYMN: #354 “I Surrender All” Verses 1 & 5

All to Jesus I surrender; All to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus, I surrender; now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory to his name!
I surrender all, I surrender all,

All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

MESSAGE: Living Unafraid: Friendship & Fear

SHARING IN THE GIFTS OF COMMUNION

LITANY OF PROMISE:

My life & yours... they would be ordinary lives...
Unless the bread and unless the wine is poured into them.
And the mystery of grace takes place.

Come to Christ’s table, not because you fully understand, but because you need to reach out.

And let us receive the life that is offered to us. Amen!

INVITATION:

Christ our Lord invites us all to his table...

CONFESSION & PARDON:

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church.. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for *joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God! Amen!

HYMN: #617 "I Come with Joy" Verses 1-3

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free, In awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, The new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

Please hold the bread in yours hands, as we remember...

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

OFFERING OURSELVES THE GIFTS OF GRACE

COMMUNITY PRAYER:

Holy & gracious God,

Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love; we have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence; we accept you into our bodies, into our lives. Together, at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer. And we give you thanks. Amen.

HYMN #617 "I Come with Joy" Verses 4-5

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

BENEDICTION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Through July, we will not have any in-person indoor worship events or services. 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

OFFERING: Volunteers will be available with buckets for folks leaving the parking lot. Plates will be set outside for folks staying for shaved ice

With love & gratitude, Pastor Dani