



# CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CENTERING MOMENT:

*"Just as personal gratefulness compromises both emotions and ethics, so does communal gratitude. The grateful-feeling community can—and should—lead to a grateful society. Feeling grateful is not only play, but it can be a form of politics. Gratitude is joy, and gratitude is justice." -Diana Butler Bass, Author of Grateful*

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

Glorious God, source of joy & righteousness,  
**Enable us as redeemed & forgiven children  
evermore to rejoice in singing your praises.**

Grant that what we sing with our lips we may  
believe in our hearts,  
**And what we believe in our hearts we may  
practice in our lives.**

So that being doers of the Word and not hearers  
only,  
**We may receive everlasting life.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*\*From UMH #69 "For True Singing"*

## **HYMN: #92 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

V 1-2 & 4-6

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the  
skies,

For the love which from our birth over and  
around us lies.

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of  
grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the  
night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon,  
and stars of light.

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful  
praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent,  
child,  
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle  
thoughts and mild.

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful  
praise.

For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands  
above,  
Offering upon every shore her pure sacrifice of love.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful  
praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely  
given,  
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and  
joy in heaven.

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful  
praise.

## PRAYER CONCERNS/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: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18**

## **HYMN: #2008 "Let All Things Now Living"**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected, and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

The law God enforces, the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine.  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

### **MESSAGE: A Debt-Free Thanksgiving**

### **OFFERING:**

## **HYMN: #593 "Here I am Lord"**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
Who will bear my light to them? They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

## **BENEDICTION**

### **FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG: #617 "I Come with Joy"**

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."

*With love & gratitude, Pastor Dani*

### **JUST A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Please remember to pick up your Star off the Youth Tree starting Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please wrap all gifts with the star attached to the package and return to the church by December 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ferguson.

The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone for all the sock donations! We collected 294 pairs of socks and we were able to donate them to Altoona Elementary and Bidwell Riverside who were both incredibly grateful!