



# CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS CENTERING MOMENT:

“To hate  
Is an easy lazy thing  
But to love  
Takes strength  
Everyone has  
But not all are  
Willing to practice” -Rupi Kaur

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

For summer's passing and harvest home:

**We thank You, Lord!**

For autumn's splendor and the falling of leaves:

**We thank You, Lord!**

For the changing of seasons and the promise of Your  
forever love:

**We thank You, Lord!**

You, O Lord, deserve our praise & thanksgiving!

**Thank You, Lord, for families and friends.**

For the warmth of baked goods, quilts, and good  
neighbors:

**We find Your love and joy within these gifts.**

Help us come into Your presence with thanksgiving,  
Lord.

**Let us make a joyful noise with our songs of praise  
and prayers of gratitude!**

## OPENING HYMN #131 "We Gather Together"

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

## PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/LORD'S PRAYER

### HYMN SING

#### #171 "There's Something About That Name" (2x)

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that  
name!

Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:  
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,  
but there's something about that name!

### SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:1-17 & Revelation 3:20

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**All Praise to the Living Word!**

### HYMN #205 "As the Deer" (2x)

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my  
spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

### MESSAGE: Won't You Be My Neighbor?

### OFFERING

### PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Doxology UMH #95

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

### SHARING IN THE GIFTS OF COMMUNION

### 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!

## GREAT THANKSGIVING & PRAYER OF BLESSING

### RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GRACE

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God,  
We give thanks that You have refreshed us at Your universal table. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for each other, and send us forth into the world where we may go to grow, change, and live with the power of Your gentle Spirit. Amen.

#### HYMN #2243 "WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION"

We all are one in mission; we are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,  
So, every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
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Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

## BENEDICTION

## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG #2184 "SENT OUT IN JESUS' NAME"

Sent out in Jesus' name  
Our hands are ready now  
To make the earth the place  
In which the kingdom comes

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The angels cannot change  
A world of hurt and pain  
Into a world of love, of justice and of peace.  
The task is ours to do to set it really free.  
O help us to obey and carry out Your will!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please sign up to serve at fellowship time! You can sign up on the whiteboard in the fellowship hall

### PUB THEOLOGY

Join us at Reclaimed Rails at 7:00pm for Pub Theology on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

### WOW:

Join us every Wednesday night for dinner, study, and worship from 5:30-7:30pm!