

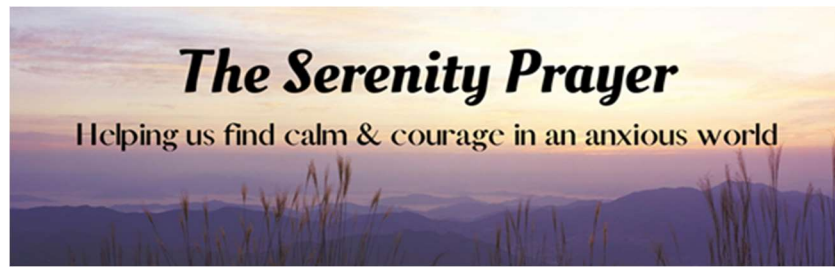


CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

9150 East University Avenue. Altoona, IA 50009

Pastor Dani Musselman

Sunday, September 27, 2020



LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For those worshipping online, you can find our bulletin on our website ivycentennial.org

CENTERING MOMENT: “The soul is like a wild animal... tough, resilient, resourceful, savvy, and self-sufficient: it knows how to survive in hard places. Yet despite its toughness, the soul is also shy. Just like a wild animal, it seeks safety in the dense under-brush, especially when other people are around.” -Parker Palmer

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Holy God, you call us to lives of courage and wisdom, not lives of anxiety:

Hear our prayer for Strength.

We raise our hands high because you ask us to work with willing hands:

Hear our prayer for Action.

We stretch our hands in front of us, because you call us to reach out to those in need:

Hear our prayer for Compassion.

We bring our hands to our brow, searching for what lies ahead,
that we may face the future without fear:

Hear our prayer for Trust.

We bring our hands and place them over our heart, as we ask for your eternal wisdom:

Hear our prayer for Peace. Amen.

HYMN #577 “GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY”

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church’s story; bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us, scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children’s warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame and wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/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: PROVERBS 2:1-11

2 My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you,
2 Making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;
3 If you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding;
4 If you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures—
5 Then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.
6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly,
8 Guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones.
9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path;
10 For wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
11 Prudence will watch over you; and understanding will guard you.

HYMN #133 "LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS"

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

MESSAGE:

And the Wisdom to Know the Difference

OFFERING

PREPARING FOR COMMUNION:

We share a common table:

We remember God's wonderful works here.

Come to be fed.

Let us receive God's mercy.

Come to be filled.

Let us receive God's peace.

Come to be satisfied with the grace of Christ's love.

Let us receive now in order to serve later.

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"

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.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

OFFERING OURSELVES THE GIFTS OF GRACE

HYMN #257 "WE MEET YOU, O CHRIST"

(1) We meet you, O Christ, in many a guise;
your image we see in simple and wise.
You live in a palace, exist in a shack;
we see you, the gardener, a tree on your back.

(3) We hear you, O man, in agony cry;
for freedom you march, in riots you die.
Your face in the papers we read and we see.
The tree must be planted by human decree.

(2) In millions alive, away and abroad;
involved in our life, you live down the road.
Imprisoned in systems, you long to be free;
we see you, Lord Jesus, still bearing your tree.

(4) You choose to be made at one with the earth;
the dark of the grave prepares for your birth.
Your death is your rising, creative your word;
the tree springs to life and our hope is restored.

BENEDICTION

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

WOW:

Worship on Wednesday starts back up tomorrow, Wednesday, September 23!
Join us from 6:30-7:30p each Wednesday night!

At 6:30pm, we'll gather for adult bible study and youth group.

At 7pm, we'll join outdoors (when the weather permits) for a brief worship service. We won't share in a meal on Wednesday nights; just spending time together in study and worship as we stay physically distant and have masks on. We hope you'll join us!

If you'd like to participate in the youth group or adult bible study while staying home, you can join us on Zoom! Pastor Dani will send weekly links you will be able to join in.

In the future, be sure to stay up to date with Zoom links and updates for Worship on Wednesday evenings on the [WOW page on our church website](#).

With love & gratitude, Pastor Dani