



# CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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Sunday, September 13, 2020

## *The Serenity Prayer*

Helping us find calm & courage in an anxious world

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For those worshipping online, you can find our bulletin on our website [ivycentennial.org](http://ivycentennial.org)

### CENTERING MOMENT:

“The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares.” -Henri Nouwen

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

It is not we who chose Christ,

**But Christ who chose us.**

We are not here because of our goodness,

**But because of Christ's grace offered to us.**

We do not worship today to enlighten ourselves,

**But for Christ to enlighten us.**

We are not here simply for comfort and ease,

**But to be present with God and to find grace in our struggle.**

For God is the One who invites us to worship,

**So let us praise God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength!**

### HYMN #657 “This is the Day” (sing twice)

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.

Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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### 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:** Proverbs 3:3-8  
Deuteronomy 6:1-9

### HYMN: #451 “Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever be-fall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**MESSAGE:** Accepting the Things We Cannot Change

**OFFERING**

## COMMUNITY PRAYER:

Almighty God,  
You know that we are hungry for many things:  
For acceptance and recognition,  
Meaning and purpose.  
We are hungry for love.  
And yet it is easy to fill ourselves with other things:  
To pursue the comfort of money,  
Success, and satisfaction with others.  
Teach us, instead, the meaning of contentment with enough.  
Teach us a purpose not in our own needs alone, but in the needs of others.  
You have given us such worth—may we accept your love and find true satisfaction in you.  
Amen.

## HYMN #377 “It is Well With My Soul”

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall sound, and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul.  
It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

## BENEDICTION

## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG:

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check out [ivycentennial.org](http://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](mailto:pastordanim@gmail.com) or call/text her at 515-447-0497

## WOW:

Worship on Wednesday will return again on September 23rd, the week after Rally Day. We are still determining what WOW will look like during the pandemic, perhaps worshipping outdoors without sharing a meal together. We will inform everyone as soon as possible what the plans are so you can safely join us on Wednesday evenings this fall. Please be sure to check the church website, our Facebook page, and your personal email for more information soon.

## Rally Day:

Of course, this year's Rally Day will look a bit different than normal. On Wednesday, September 16 from 6:30-7:30pm, we'll celebrate the beginning of fall together in a safe and distanced way! Come to the church parking lot for a socially distanced bonfire as we fellowship with one another, enjoy s'mores, and end our time in a brief outdoor worship. Bring your own lawn chairs and masks are required!

With love & gratitude, Pastor Dani