



CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

9150 East University Avenue. Altoona, IA 50009

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LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT:

"Laughter is an instant vacation."

-Milton Berle

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We believe in the God whose image we are made from:

We live, we love, we laugh because we are like our Joyful God.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.

He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, equal and eternal with God and Christ.

Our counselor, our guide, our motivator - The Spirit is our joy!

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children,

when we forget that you give us the gift of laughter.

Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the un above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flower meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,

Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;

Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;

Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;

Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN SING

#569 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" v 1 & 3

We've a story to tell to the nations,

that shall turn their hearts to the right,

A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,

and the dawning to noonday bright;

and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We've a message to give to the nations,

a that the Lord who reigneth above hath

Sent us his Son to save us, and show us that

God is love and show us that God is love.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,

and the dawning to noonday bright;

and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

#349 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace (2x)

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 1:1-2:2

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

All Praise to the Living Word!

HYMN #568 “Christ for the World We Sing”

Christ for the world we sing,
The world to Christ we bring,
With loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn,
The faint and overborne,
Sinsick and sorrow-worn who Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing,
The world to Christ we bring,
With fervent prayer; The wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing,
The world to Christ we bring,
With one accord; with us the work to share,
With us reproach to dare, within us
the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing,
The world to Christ we bring,
With joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days,
Reclaimed from error's ways,
Inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

MESSAGE: Laughter by Allison Lehn

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRESENTING OF OUR GIFTS

Doxology UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN #617 “I Come with Joy” v. 1, 4 & 5

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.

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

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG

#668 “Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace”
Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus.
Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts.
Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties.
Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee.

*With Love,
Pastor Dani*