



# CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT:

"So, friends, every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing...Laugh. Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful though you have considered all the facts...Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction. Practice resurrection." - sections from *Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front* by Wendell Berry

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Sometimes it doesn't work out as you expect. Sometimes even though you know the game is up, even though you know the inevitable outcome, even sometimes when you have given up yourself.....it doesn't work out as you expect.

**Hallelujah! We worship a Mysterious God.**

There are those days when the child, who has been running away for years, every week, without fail, ...doesn't.

**Hallelujah! We worship a Caring God.**

The day when the child who is differently abled, is finally accepted for who they are. When the traveler, for so long the outsider, suddenly becomes a friend.

**Hallelujah! We worship a Welcoming God.**

There are those days when, in the face of despair, for some unexpected and incomprehensible reason, our long dead hopes are brought back to life.

**Hallelujah! We worship a Hopeful God.**

There are those days we suddenly realize the stone has been moved..... and the tomb is empty.

**Hallelujah! Christ is Risen. We worship a Risen God!**

HYMN: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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 READINGS: John 20: 1-18

MESSAGE: "Follow Me" by practicing resurrection

OFFERING

HYMN: "Up From the Grave He Arose"

PRAYER

BENEDICTION:

My siblings in Christ, today we have celebrated the glorious Mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

**Let us go forth, rejoicing in the knowledge that Jesus is alive. Alleluia!**

Today, we look to the future - to the new dawn of Eastertide

**Let us go to live as people bathed in the light of resurrection. Alleluia!**

Today, we remember the day when creation was made new when God showed humanity its destiny.

**Let us go as people living in the knowledge that through the triumph of Jesus over death the gates of heaven are re-opened. Alleluia!**

With love & gratitude, Pastor Dani