



CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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Living in a POSTRESURRECTION world

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT:

"I prefer trying over talking." - -Dillon Burroughs,
Faith Acts: A Provocative Call to Live What You Believe

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Good Shepherd invites us to green pastures.
We are refreshed beside still waters.

God offers us all we need.

When we walk through shadowed valleys, God is with us.

God leads us in the right paths.

Our cups are filled to overflowing.

God welcomes us to the table where love is expressed.

Lead us, Lord. Lead us in Your paths of life.

We have received plenty so we might share:

We are called to be God's helpers! Amen.

HYMN #2012 "Let Us with a Joyful Mind"

Let us with a joyful mind praise our God forever kind,
rich with mercies that endure, ever faithful, ever sure!

New-made earth was filled with light through God's all
commanding might,
rich with mercies that endure, ever faithful, ever sure!

Dazzling bright the sun obeys God who shines with
brighter rays, rich with mercies that endure, ever faithful,
ever sure!

Stars and moon that spangle night all depend on
heaven's light, rich with mercies that endure, ever
faithful, ever sure!

Creatures of the sea and land all are fed by God's own hand,
rich with mercies that endure, ever faithful, ever sure!

Therefore, with a joyful mind, praise our God forever kind,
rich with mercies that endure, ever faithful, ever sure!

PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN SING

#77 "How Great Thou Art" v 1&4

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

"The Little White Church on the Hill"

There's a little white church that I love so well.
Mid the trees on a hilltop dear,
And my glad heart sings when the church bell rings,
Calling sweetly too far and near,
Oh, come to the church on the hilltop,
to the little white church on the hill.

There is peace and power for the trying hour,
In the little white church on the hill!

To the weary soul and the tempted one,
Comes it call on the Sabbath day,

“Bring your burdens here to the Savior dear,”
Hear the bell in the church tower say,

Oh, come to the church on the hilltop,
to the little white church on the hill.
There is peace and power for the trying hour,
In the little white church on the hill!

Are you tired of sin and the downward road?
Come to Jesus who loves you so,
“Tho your sins be red,” Christ the Lord has said
He will wash them as white as snow.
Oh, come to the church on the hilltop,
to the little white church on the hill.
There is peace and power for the trying hour,
In the little white church on the hill!

When the shadows lengthen a long life’s road
And my eyes with dimness fill,
I shall look with joy to my Home on High
From the little white church on the hill.
Oh, come to the church on the hilltop,
to the little white church on the hill.
There is peace and power for the trying hour,
In the little white church on the hill!

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 3:16-24

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

All Praise to the Living Word!

HYMN #419 “I Am Thine, O Lord” v 1-3

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy
love to me;

but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn
to thee.

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where
thou hast died.

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to thy
precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of
grace divine;

let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be
lost in thine.

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where
thou hast died.

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to thy
precious, bleeding side.

O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I
spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I
commune as friend with friend!

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where thou
hast died.

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to thy precious,
bleeding side.

MESSAGE: Trying Over Talking

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRESENTING OF 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 OVER THE GIFTS

RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GRACE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN #2117 “Spirit of God”

Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,
blow as you always do; create us anew.
Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! Alleluia! Come Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,
Healing upon your wings for all living things.
For when we live your peace, captives will find release,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! Alleluia! Come Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands
You hold the human race in one warm embrace.
No matter where we go, you hold us together so,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! Alleluia! Come Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright flame, send us in your holy name,
the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.
We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! Alleluia! Come Spirit, come!

Spirit of God in all, we gladly hear your call,
the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.
Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come! Alleluia! Come Spirit, come!

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