



CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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Living in a POSTRESURRECTION world

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT:

"Death is what takes place within us when we look upon others not as gift, blessing, or stimulus but as threat, danger, competition... It is not the final departure we usually think of when we speak of death; it is that purposeless, empty existence devoid of genuine human relationships and filled with anxiety, silence, and loneliness." -Dorothee Soelle, *The Inward Road and the Way Back*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God chooses us and sets the faithful apart:

We are witnesses, to the love God has poured into us.

God pours love into us and we are transformed:

We are witnesses of God's love, sharing it with each person we meet.

Our faith strengthens us each day:

We are witnesses to faith in a God who can move mountains and raise Christ from the dead.

God empowers our ministries of care and compassion:

We are witnesses to everyone we encounter, little children like us, all siblings among God's family.

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

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

HYMN #318 "Christ is Alive"

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and dwell in every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, thou ever crucified.

Christ is alive, and comes
to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN SING

#526 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" v 1-2

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

#380 "There's Within My Heart a Melody" v 1&5

There's within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low:
Fear not, I am with thee,
Peace, be still, in all of life's ebb and flow.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

Soon he's coming back to welcome me
Far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown;
I shall reign with him on high.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:36-48

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.
All Praise to the Living Word!

HYMN #596 "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word" v 1&3

Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear
thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love
and fear thee,
By thy teachings sweet and holy, drawn from earth to
love thee solely.

Glorious Lord, thy self-impart! Light of light, from God
proceeding,
Open thou our ears and heart; help us by thy spirit's
pleading;
Hear the cry thy people raises; hear and bless our
prayers and praises.

MESSAGE: Peace or Security?

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRESENTING OF OUR GIFTS

Doxology UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN #584 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" v. 1-3 & 5

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and
preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go
unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and
teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for
each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my
blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
Asking that the world around us share your children's liberty.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the
end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

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*