



CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

9150 East University Avenue. Altoona, IA 50009

Pastor Dani Musselman

Sunday, August 2, 2020



LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT:

"Surely, when human lives are involved, indifference is not an answer." -Elie Wiesel

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We enter worship today like Abraham, Sarah, and John: as people of vision.

We come, like Job, Thomas, and the Samaritan woman: as people with questions.

We come, like Moses, Jeremiah, and Mary: as people with self-doubts.

We come, like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen: as people with courage.

What if we were called to be in this place, for such a time as this?

To come and worship, like Esther: with bravery.

To come and worship, like Paul: with hope.

So let us worship with our questions and our doubts...

Let us worship with our courage and our bravery...

For we are called to be in this moment together, for such a time as this! Amen!

HYMN #98 "To God Be the Glory" v. 1 & 3

To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

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: Esther 4: 1-17

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

HYMN: #2212 "My Life Flows On"

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

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The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

MESSAGE: Living Unafraid: For Such a Time as This

OFFERING

COMMUNITY PRAYER:

Holy God,
You are our guide and help in contentious places. As Esther prayed faithfully and worked courageously for the deliverance of your people, help us also to give generously, serve faithfully, and speak truthfully in order to free the oppressed, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and deliver your people. May our acts of mercy for the building of your kingdom lead to all people knowing the justice and unity of your realm. Amen.

HYMN #671 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for thy gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound; ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

BENEDICTION:

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For the month of August, we'll worship each Sunday in August at 10:30am over the radio in the church parking lot and online. We hope you'll join us for worship in our parking lot sometime this month. We're still able to sing, pray, and reflect together in this safe way. And on the last Sunday of the month, we'll celebrate communion together again.

You can also join us for virtual worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30am on Facebook or YouTube. Check out 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 or call/text her at 515-447-0497

With love & gratitude, Pastor Dani

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Wednesday, August 5th 5:30-7:30 pm

Drive Thru Food Drive –

We hope you'll collect a few personal hygiene and non-perishable food items to help us fill the hayrack in our church parking lot on Wednesday, the 5th of August! All donations will be given to Caring Hands Food Pantry as well as small local neighborhood pantries around Des Moines and Altoona. Please drive by and drop off your donations. If you are unable to drive by, please contact Marcy Bowie at 515-250-9903 to pick up the items from your front porch. Please invite your neighbors and friends to help fill the hayrack. ****Most needed items are personal hygiene items, pancake mix, hamburger helper, canned meats and chunky soup.**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH - 9:00 – 11:00 am

Meals from the Heartland volunteer opportunity – Please contact Rita Denhart to sign up!

- All volunteers must be 14 years or older or at least 8 years old and accompanied by an adult family member. Family units are welcome; however, we recommend a 2 children per adult policy at this time (i.e. 4 children per 2 adults).
- Group registrations are allowed.
- All volunteers will be required to have their temperature taken prior to entering the packaging center. Anyone with a temperature of 100° F or above will be asked to return home. Family members may also be asked to return home.
- You must bring a clean mask (a bandana or scarf is not acceptable) to wear during your shift.
- To increase social distancing, training is occurring at the packaging table.
- We've decreased our capacity over 50%.
- If you need to cancel your shift, please let us know ASAP to allow your spot to be filled by another volunteer.

If you or anyone in your household has experienced the following symptoms in the past 72 hours we ask that you please stay/return home: runny nose, sore throat, cough, headache and/or body aches, nausea and/or vomiting, diarrhea, fever and/or chills, new loss of sense of smell and/or taste or sinus congestion or have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days. *Older adults and people with underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness and should stay home.*

Monday, August 31st – 7:00 pm

VIRTUAL PUB THEOLOGY

Enjoy your own beverage from your own home. Each week we'll discuss the relationship between our Christian faith and current events. While we cannot safely gather at a restaurant or bar, we'll gather on Zoom and it's Bring Your Own Beverage! Check your email or visit our website ivycentennial.org for Zoom links.

STARTING BACK IN SEPTEMBER! PLEASE JOIN US FOR WoW!

5:30 pm – Dinner

6:00 pm – Kids, Youth & Adult Study

7:00 pm – Worship