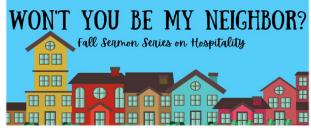
**CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY** 

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#### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS CENTERING MOMENT:

This is the use of Christian community, as I see it. We help each other silence the Accuser. We tend each other's wounds, show each other our scars, and see and forgive each other's shortcomings, let each other cry, make each other laugh, and are absolutely adamant about grace for everyone. We insist on freeing each other from the grip of the accusing voice, and we amplify the voice of God." -Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, Shameless

# CALL TO WORSHIP:

If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest, If you are mourning and you long for comfort; If you are struggling and you desire victory; If you recognize that you are a sinner and need a Savior— God welcomes you here in the name of Christ! May we find a home here in this place.

To the stranger in need of fellowship, **To those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,** and to whoever else joins us here: **This congregation opens her doors wide,** and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! **For God heartily welcomes us all, and we extend greetings in the name of Christ to one another. Amen.** \*Adapted from "Space for Grace: Reformed Worship"

# **OPENING HYMN:** "He's Got the Whole World in his Hands"

He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole wide world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got my brothers and my sisters in his hands. He's got my brothers and my sisters in his hands. He's got my brothers and my sisters in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the sun and the rain in his hands. He's got the moon and the stars in his hands. He's got the wind and the clouds in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the rivers and the mountains in his hands. He's got the oceans and the seas in his hands. He's got you and he's got me in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got ev'rybody in his hands. He's got ev'rybody in his hands. He's got ev'rybody in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

# PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/LORD'S PRAYER

#### HYMN SING #2822 "I'll Fly Away" v 1 & 3

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away; To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away. I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away. When I die hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away, To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away. When I die hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

#### #474 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" v 1 & 2

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

#### #310 "He Lives" v. 1 & 3

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, And just the time I need him, he's always near. He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart! Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing Eternal hallelujah to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; None other is so loving, so good and kind. He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart!

# SCRIPTURE: Acts 10:17-28; 34-48 Ephesians 2:1-10

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

# HYMN #389 "Freely, Freely"

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name,

and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.

He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live."

All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,

and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live."

# **MESSAGE: A Calling to Care**

#### **OFFERING**

PRESENTING 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 OF BLESSING RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GRACE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### Loving God,

We thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen. \*Prayer 646 from "Chalice Worship"

#### HYMN #2153 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

# BENEDICTION

#### FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG

"Sent Out in Jesus' Name" Sent out in Jesus' name Our hands are ready now To make the earth the place In which the kingdom comes

Sent out in Jesus' name Our hands are ready now To make the earth the place In which the kingdom comes

The angels cannot change A world of hurt and pain Into a world of love, of justice and of peace. The task is ours to do to set it really free. O help us to obey and carry out Your will!

# Thank you to Grandma Nancy Hall who played piano today!

# SAVE THE DATE & JOIN US:

RALLY DAY: Wednesday, September 8 - 5:30-7:30pm.

**PIE & CAKE AUCTION:** Sunday, September 19 after worship. Join us for a pie & cake auction to help support our Education Committee.