



LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS CENTERING MOMEMT:

"Much violence is based on the illusion that life is a property to be defended and not to be shared." -Henri Nouwen

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Holy One, you choose the very least and raise us up to greatness,

For nothing is impossible with God!

You take the weak, the poor, and blind and raise us out of the margins.

For nothing is impossible with God!

You call us to take risks for the sake of Your kingdom,

Help us accept Your call:

To serve Your world,
To compassionately love Your people,

To offer support rather than to spread fear, And to confidently offer thanksgiving for Your greatness!

So may we answer your call, saying, "I am the Lord's servant!"

"Here I am, send me!" Amen.

HYMN #632 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them. Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup: Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

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: Luke 1:26-38

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

HYMN: #156 "I Love to Tell the Story"

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams. I love to tell the story, it did so much for me; and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

MESSAGE: Living Unafraid: When Risk Leads to Grace

OFFERING

COMMUNITY PRAYER:

Almighty God,

Please help us hear Your call to take risks, make sacrifices, and do what is inconvenient for the sake of Your kingdom of love. Help us remember that it is in pursuing these risks that we find Your greatest blessings. And may You give us the courage to respond to Your call with Mary's words, confidently saying, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as You have said." Amen.

HYMN #2243 "We All Are One in Mission"

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission compels us from above To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.

Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace, So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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 <u>ivycentennial.org</u> 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 <u>pastordanim@gmail.com</u> or call/text her at 515-447-0497

With love & gratitude, Pastor Dani

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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.

Please Join Us For WOW In September!