



CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT:

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate."

-Nikka, age 6. Quote from *What Love Means to Kids*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Rise above the ways of the world:

We are called to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.

Rise above the ways of the world:

We are called to do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

Rise above the ways of the world:

We are called to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Rise above the ways of the world:

We are called to forgive as God forgives.

Rise above the ways of the world:

We are called to live into the ways of Jesus.

Come, let us worship Christ, and follow him.

HYMN: #660 "God is Here"

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,

May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts

Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our life-long need of grace;

Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.

Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,

here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;

Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old.

Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore

What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt;

Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.

Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;

We, who cannot live without you, we adore! We believe!

PRAYER TIME

HYMN #156 "I Love to Tell the Story" v.1

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.

JOYS & CONCERNS

HYMN #156 "I Love to Tell the Story" v.2

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.

Prayer Concerns/Pastoral/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.

HYMN #156 "I Love to Tell the Story" v.3

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.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 6:27-36

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

HYMN #431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with
me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was
meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment
now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn
vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in
peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with
me.

MESSAGE: Love that Resists

OFFERING

Hymn #2123 "Loving Spirit"

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,
You have drawn me to your wonder, you have set
your sign on me.

Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your
own,
Feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh
and bone.

Like a father you protect me, teach me the
discerning eye,
Hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world
from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and
held and blessed:
In your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may
rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,
You have drawn me to your wonder, you have set
your sign on me.

BENEDICTION

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG

#666 "Shalom to You"

"Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom."