



CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT:

“Without love, where would you be right now?”

-Doobie Brothers, *Long Train Runnin'*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

For God so loved the world:

From the sparrows to the mountain lions,

From the fish to all people,

For God so loved the world!

In success and in failure,

In sickness and in health,

In mediocrity and extraordinary; for God so loved the world!

Enough to become one of us,

Enough to suffer along with us,

Enough to offer new life for us.

For God so loved the world,

Let us worship a God who loves us!

HYMN: #593 “Hear I Am Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. My hand will save.

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

PRAYER TIME

HYMN #314 “In the Garden” V.1

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,

And the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;

And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

JOYS & CONCERNS

HYMN #314 “In the Garden” V.2

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet

the birds hush their singing,

and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;

And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

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 #314 "In the Garden" V.3

I'd stay in the garden with him though the night
around me be falling,
But he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his
voice to me is calling.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and
he tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none
other has ever known.

SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-21

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

HYMN #398 "JESUS CALL US"

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild,
restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying,
"Christian, follow me!"

As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean
lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving
all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain
world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying,
"Christian, love me more!"

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and
hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian,
love me more than these!"

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we
hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and
love thee best of all!

**MESSAGE: For God So Love the
World....Now What?**

OFFERING

Hymn #386 "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"

Come, O thou Traveler unknown, whom still I hold, but
cannot see!

My company before is gone, And I am left alone with
thee.

With thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the
break of day;

With thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the
break of day.

I need not tell thee who I am, my misery and sin
declare; thyself hast called me by my name, look
on thy hands and read it there.

But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy
name, and tell me now.

But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy
name, and tell me now.

Yield to me now, for I am weak, but confident in self
despair!

Speak to my heart, in blessing speak, pure, be
conquered by my instant prayer.

Speak, or thou never hence shalt move, and tell
me if thy name is Love.

Speak, or thou never hence shalt move, and tell
me if thy name is Love.

'Tis Love! 'Tis Love! Thou diedst for me, I hear
thy whisper in my heart.

The morning breaks, the shadows flee, pure,
Universal Love thou art.

To me, to all, thy mercies move; thy nature and
thy name is Love.

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thy name is Love.

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."

With Love, Pastor Dani