



# CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MOMENT:

“Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business, and, in fact, it is nobody’s business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy.”  
-Thomas Merton

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, join the search for all God will reveal:

**The New Dawn arises upon us.**

God has sent light, and all will be radiant:

**The New Dawn arises upon us in the Christ child.**

We are the church, committed to an encounter with mystery:

**The New Dawn arises upon us in Immanuel.**

Through us, the wisdom of God will be made known:

**God is here. Boldly and confidently, we approach our God!**

**Amen.**

### HYMN: #251 “Go Tell It on The Mountain”

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior’s birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born

### 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: This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine  
this little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? No! I’m goin’ a let it shine  
Hide it under a bushel? No! I’m goin’ a let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm goin'a let it shine  
Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm goin'a let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Let it shine 'till Jesus comes, I'm goin'a let it  
shine

Let it shine 'till Jesus comes, I'm goin'a let it  
shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

## SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6

## MESSAGE: Lift Up Your Eyes & Look Around

## OFFERING

## 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!

## HYMN #620 "One Bread, One Body" (X2)

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

## RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GRACE

## PRAYER

### HYMN #254 "We Three Kings"

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse  
afar,

Field and fountain, moor, and mountain, following  
yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty  
bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us  
to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to  
crown him again,

King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty  
bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us  
to thy perfect light.

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity  
nigh;

prayer and praising, voices raising worshipping God  
on high.

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty  
bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us  
to thy perfect light.

## BENEDICTION

## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG

#204 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called  
Emmanuel."

*With Love, Pastor Dani*