



CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT:

"When angels speak of love they tell us it is only by loving that we enter an earthly paradise. They tell us paradise is our home and love our true destiny." -Bell Hooks, *All About Love*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Because love is patient...

Help me to be slow to judge and quick to listen

Because love is kind...

Help my words be gentle and my actions to be thoughtful.

Because love is not proud or boastful...

Help me have a humble heart that sees the good in others.

Because love is not rude or self-seeking...

Help me speak words that are easy on the ear and on the heart.

Because love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth...

Help me stand up for the defenseless.

Because love always protects, trusts, and perseveres...

Help my heart continually beat with love for You and others. Amen.

HYMN: #391 "O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice" v. 1-2 & 5

O happy day, that fixed my choice on thee,
my Savior and my God!

Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
and tell its raptures all abroad.

Happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my
sins away!

He taught me how to watch and pray, and live
rejoicing every day.

Happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my sins
away!

O happy bond, that seals my vows
to him who merits all my love!

Let cheerful anthems fill his house,
while to that sacred shrine I move.

Happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my sins
away!

He taught me how to watch and pray, and live rejoicing
every day.

Happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my sins
away!

High heaven, that heard the solemn vow,
that vow renewed shall daily hear,

Till in life's latest hour

I bow and bless in death a bond so dear.

Happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away!

He taught me how to watch and pray, and live rejoicing
every day.

Happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my sins
away!

PRAYER TIME

HYMN #451 "Be Thou My Vision" V. 1

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

JOYS & CONCERNS

HYMN #451 "Be Thou My Vision" V. 2

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;

Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

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 #451 "Be Thou My Vision" V. 3

Great God of heave, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever be-fall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 13

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

All Praise to the Living Word!

HYMN #2175 "Together We Serve"

Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

MESSAGE: Do You Mind If I Ask Them?

OFFERING

SHARING IN THE GIFT 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 #629 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,

So when you call your family, Lord we follow and rejoice.

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food.

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?

Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell;

Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.
You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GRACE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN #671 “Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts
with joy and peace;

Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in
redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this
wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for thy gospel's
joyful sound.

May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and
lives abound;

Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be
found.

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.”