



# CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MOMENT:

*"To love life means to love its vulnerability, asking for care, attention, guidance, and support. Life and death are connected by vulnerability. The newborn child and the dying elder both remind us of the preciousness of our lives. Let's not forget the preciousness and vulnerability of life during the times we are powerful, successful, and popular."*

-Henri Nouwen in *"Bread for the Journey"*

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

God calls us from the valley of dry bones.  
Come, listen for a word from our God.

**We hear God calling in a distant voice.**

Let us not forget God's care for us.  
The Spirit breathes new life into our dry bones.  
**Our spirits are filled with great expectation of God's hope.**

Christ came as a light to all the world.  
Christ comes among us today to light our paths.

**We hear the teacher calling for us.**

**Let us follow the light of Christ awakening our spirits today!**

### HYMN #98 "To God Be the Glory"

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So, loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

## PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/LORD'S PRAYER

### HYMN SING

#### #594 "The Old Rugged Cross" v 1 & 4

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.  
So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true,  
it's shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where his glory forever I'll share.  
So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

## #707 “Hymn of Promise” v 1 & 2

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

## SCRIPTURE: John 11:1-44

### HYMN #2158 “Just A Closer Walk with Thee”

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.  
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

## MESSAGE: The Uncertainty of Mortality

## OFFERING

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## PRESENTING OF OUR GIFTS

Doxology UMH #95

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## HYMN #77 “How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin;  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

## BENEDICTION

### FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG

#664 “Sent Forth by God's Blessing”  
Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
to work for God's Kingdom and answer the call.

*With Love,  
Pastor Dani*