



CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT:

"Every great spiritual teacher tells us the same story about humanity and pain:

Don't avoid it. You need it to evolve, to become. And you are here to become...

Like Jesus, who walked straight toward his own crucifixion.

First the pain, then the waiting, then the rising.

All of our suffering comes when we try to get to our resurrection

without allowing ourselves to be crucified first."

-Glennon Doyle

CALL TO WORSHIP:

This is a day of joyous welcome, yet joy is tempered by impending doom.

We welcome Christ with waving branches.

We wait with Christ through hours of agony.

Our humble leader approaches us riding a donkey.

Blessed is the one who comes in God's name!

Jesus rides into the mess and the chaos of our lives.

Some still oppose the way of love.

Yet love prevails in spite of opposition.

We gather with thanksgiving for the gift of salvation is among us.

We give thanks for God's steadfast love which endures forever!

HYMN #277 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillard court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN SING

#110 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" v 1 & 4

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft
and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is
not his equal.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them,
abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body
they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

#277 “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” v 1 & 3

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
Waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
One of his heralds, yes, I would sing
Loudest hosannas, “Jesus is King!”

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-11 & Matthew 26:36-46

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

HYMN #279 “Mantos y Palmas” (Filled with Excitement)

Filled with excitement, all the happy throng
Spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.
There in the distance they begin to see,
riding on a donkey, comes the Son of God.
From every corner a thousand voices sing
Praises to him who comes in the name of God.
With one great shout of acclamation loud triumphant song
brings forth:
“Hosanna, hosanna to the King! Hosanna, hosanna to the King!”

As in that entrance to Jerusalem,
We sing hosannas to the Christ, our King,
to the living Savior who still calls today,
Asking us to follow him with love and faith.
From every corner a thousand voices sing
Praises to him who comes in the name of God.
With one great shout of acclamation loud triumphant song
brings forth:
“Hosanna, hosanna to the King! Hosanna, hosanna to the King!”

MESSAGE: The Uncertainty of Obedience

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRESENTING OF OUR GIFTS

Doxology UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN #2149 “Living for Jesus” v. 1-3

Living for Jesus a life that is true,
Striving to please him in all that I do,
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,
This is the pathway of blessing for me.
O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee;
For thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.

Living for Jesus who died in my place,
Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace,
Such love constrains me to answer his call,
Follow his leading and give him my all.
O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee;
For thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.

Living for Jesus wherever I am,
Doing each duty in his holy name,
Willing to suffer affliction or loss,
Deeming each trial a part of my cross.
O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee;
For thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.

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*