



CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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Living in a POSTRESURRECTION world

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT:

"I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in." -George Washington Carver

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus Christ our Lord grants us a promise:

I am the vine; you are the branches, rooted in faith and love.

The vine of God's love nourishes us:

I am the vine; you are the branches, rooted in faith and love.

We gather for worship and seek to abide in Christ:

I am the vine; you are the branches, rooted in faith and love.

We long to be spiritual and faithful disciples:

I am the vine; you are the branches, rooted in faith and love.

When we abide in Christ, Christ's words will abide in us:

I am the vine; you are the branches, rooted in faith and love.

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly:

I am the vine; you are the branches, rooted in faith and love.

Amen.

HYMN #2236 "Gather Us In" v. 1-2&4

Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreaming's,
Brought her to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young our lives are a mystery,
We are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN SING

#389 "Freely, Freely"

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his love as he told me to.
He said, "Freely, freely you have received,
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe,
others will know that I live."

All power is given in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share his power as he told me to.
He said, "Freely, freely you have received,
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe,
others will know that I live."

#723 "Shall We Gather at the River" v. 1-2

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have
trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful
river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the
throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful
river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the
throne of God.

SCRIPTURE: John 15:1-8

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

All Praise to the Living Word!

HYMN #700 "Abide with Me"

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changes not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no right and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

MESSAGE: Abiding in the Master Gardener of Love

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRESENTING OF OUR GIFTS

Doxology UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN #383 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

This is a day of new beginnings,
Time to remember and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing,
Laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
Can make for us a world of difference,
As faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
Step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
Seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
Our God is making all things new.

BENEDICTION

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG

"May the Peace of the Lord Christ"

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
Wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing at the
Wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

With Love, Pastor Dani