



CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

9150 East University Avenue, Altoona, IA 50009

Pastor Doug Amis

Sunday, May 30, 2021



LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT:

"You're off to Great Places! Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!"
-Dr. Seuss, from "Oh, the Places You'll Go!"

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Creator God, you call us to hospitality;
to give as generously to others as you have given to us.
For there are angels among us.

Loving God, you call us to give you glory
in the compassion we show to one another.
To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.

We gather as one Body,
seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.
We gather as one Body, to worship the one who is Love.

HYMN #131 "We Gather Together"

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now ceases from distressing.
Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So, from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, was at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN SING

#145 "Morning Has Broken" v. 1&3

Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

#593 "Here I Am Lord" v. 1&3

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 3:1-12

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

HYMN #273 "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
Healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
Washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;
Make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 13:1-3, 5-8

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REFLECTION BY: Verna Bowie

Litany of Celebration

Leader: God of truth and knowledge,
by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth.
Bless our graduates as they now finish this course of
study.

**All: We thank you for those
who taught and worked beside them,
and all who supported them along the way.**

Leader: Walk with the graduates
as they leave and move forward in life.
Take away their anxiety and any confusion of purpose.

**All: Strengthen their many talents and skills,
instill in them a confidence in the future you plan,
where energies may be gathered up
and used for the good of all people.**

Leader: For the graduates, this truly is a day of new
beginnings,
a time to remember and move on,
and a time to believe what love is bringing.

**All: May they always know that
Christ is alive and goes before them,
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings,
our God is making all things new.**

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN #261 "Lord of the Dance" v. 1, 3, & 5

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.
Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped, and they hung me high;
And they left me there on a cross to die.
Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

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.*

*****Pastor Dani will be out of town until June 1st.
If you have a pastoral emergency during those
days, please reach out to Pastor Doug Amis.**

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