



# CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

9150 East University Avenue. Altoona, IA 50009

Pastor Dani

September 5, 2021



## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING MOMENT:

“Love and hurry are fundamentally incompatible.  
Love always takes time, and time is the one thing hurried people don’t have.”  
-Jay Pathak & Dave Runyon, The Art of Neighboring

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:  
That it is not we who chose Christ,  
**but Christ who chose us,**  
That we are not here because of our goodness  
**but because of the grace of Christ,**  
that we are not here because of the hope we have in ourselves,  
**but because of the hope we have in Christ.**  
That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,  
**but to allow Christ to enlighten us,**  
That we have not come to be entertained  
**but to worship God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

### OPENING HYMN #92 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,  
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that ever more lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering upon every shore her pure sacrifice of love;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,  
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

## PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/LORD’S PRAYER

### HYMN SING

#### #451 “Be Thou My Vision” v. 1 & 3

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.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:25-38

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

### HYMN #216 “Christ Beside Me”

Christ beside me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me King of my heart;  
Christ within me, Christ below me,  
Christ above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ beside me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me King of my heart;  
Christ within me, Christ below me,  
Christ above me, never to part.

**MESSAGE: Go & Do Likewise**

**OFFERING**

**PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

**Doxology UMH #95**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**HYMN “Christ Your Words of Love Confound Us”**  
*(See hymn #581 Beach Spring Tune)*

Christ, your words of love confound us, even as we give you praise,  
For the lessons that you teach us seem so far from this world's ways.  
How can we love those who hate us? How can we love enemies?  
What of people who abuse us? How can we love even these?

Make us mindful: love is action, not a feeling that uplifts.  
In each daily situation, love's the greatest of all gifts.  
It's the wiser, stronger person who will break the chain of hate.  
Love can usher in redemption; love can make a people great.

Faced with those who seek to hurt us, make us confident and free:  
You don't call us to be helpless but to stand with dignity.  
Lord, when others are demanding, may we know they matter more  
Than our money or possessions. May we share, not keeping score.

If we love just those who love us, where's the giving?  
Where's the grace?  
Even sinners try to do this; they have friends that they embrace.  
May we do, Lord unto others as we'd have them also do.  
You have shown us: Love is action, may we love, and make things new.  
anytime!

**BENEDICTION**

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG**  
**“Sent Out in Jesus' Name”**

Sent out in Jesus' name  
Our hands are ready now  
To make the earth the place  
In which the kingdom comes

Sent out in Jesus' name  
Our hands are ready now  
To make the earth the place  
In which the kingdom comes

The angels cannot change  
A world of hurt and pain  
Into a world of love, of justice and of peace.  
The task is ours to do to set it really free.  
O help us to obey and carry out Your will!

**SAVE THE DATE & JOIN US:**

**RALLY DAY:** Wednesday, September 8th  
5:30-7:30pm.

**PIE & CAKE AUCTION:** Sunday, September 19th after worship. Join us for a pie & cake auction to help support our Education Committee.

*Love, Pastor Dani*