

CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

Pastor Dani Musselman Sunday, March 22, 2020

Lent
2020

reflection | reconnection

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS CENTERING MOMENT:

"What we really have to do in congregations is to move in the direction of the New Testament. That when you give a gift, you don't give it with any expectation of anything in return. It's very hard for people to live into that, but that's what the whole theology of grace is." -Diana Butler Bass

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Whispering God, the noise of the world is loud. Open our ears to your still, small, voice.

God of abundance, we cling tightly to so many things.

Open our hands in generosity and joy.

God of all people, we feel the fear of those who we claim are strangers.

Open our arms to the stranger and the outcast.

God of mystery, we want so desperately to know and understand you.

Open our minds to the depths of your truth.

Creating God, we long to feel your presence in our uncertainty.

Open our hearts to receive your love. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS/PASTORAL/LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 6:1-4 & 19-21

MESSAGE: "Follow Me": In Giving

OFFERING

COMMUNITY PRAYER OVER OFFERING:

Generous God,

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that You have given us.

In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away.

Let us give away generously, in all that we offer, To bless Your church, Your people, Your creation. Amen.

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Between now and March 31, we will not have any in person events or worship services at the church. Please virtually join us for worship on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and Sunday mornings at 10:30am on Facebook and YouTube. Check out our website ivycentennial.org to stay updated and find all the necessary links you'll need as we stay connected as a community during this time. If you have any questions, concerns, or prayer requests during this time, please email Pastor Dani at pastordanim@gmail.com or call/text her at 515-447-0497.