



*A man's mind  
plans his way,  
but the Lord  
directs his steps.*

Proverbs 16:9

## **Centenary United Methodist Church**

2300 W. Friendly Avenue Greensboro, NC 27403

August 9, 2020

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor

Anita Trumpler-Rich, Director of Music

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship *This is My Song*.....Harkness/Sibelius

Call to Worship

God has set this day before us,

**A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.**

God has set our lives before us,

**A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.**

God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

**So that we might live fully in deep love.**

Let us worship God.

Leader: Let us pray together:

**Lord, we surrender our lives to you. We want to do something, to make something happen, all on our own strength, but we know without you we can do nothing. We know our lives are not our own, they are yours to work through us. Lord, we are grateful for these lives you've given us. You've blessed us with different gifts and talents. Help us understand how to cultivate those things to bring glory to your great name. Amen**

Hymn *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* 438 UMH, verses 1 & 2

*Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;*

*Thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.*

*The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;*

*In all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.*

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and the 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, the power, and the glory, forever Amen.**

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offering

Offertory         *Covenant Prayer* .....J. Wesley/Locklear/Seate  
 Scriptures       Proverbs 16:9, Proverbs 19:21, Micah 6:8, 2 Timothy 1:9, and  
                           Philippians 4:8-9  
 Sermon             "Remembrance: Reaching Out and Wrapping Our Arms Around a  
                           Sense of Christian Purpose"   Rev. Kelley Groce  
 Affirmation of our Faith – The Apostles’ Creed   Traditional Version  
     I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
     And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
     who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
     born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
     was crucified, dead, and buried;\* the third day he rose from the dead;  
     he ascended into heaven,  
     and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
     from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
     I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church,  
     the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
     the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen  
 Hymn                *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*   2241 TFWS verses 1 & 4  
  
     *The Spirit sends us forth to serve;*  
     *We go in Jesus’ name to bring glad tidings to the poor*  
     *God’s favor to proclaim.*  
  
     *Then let us go to serve in peace,*  
     *The gospel to proclaim. God’s Spirit has empowered us;*  
     *We go in Jesus’ name.*  
 Benediction  
 Choral Benediction         *Be Thou My Vision* ..... Hull/Young

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The flowers are given today by Duilla Harkins in honor of Alex Hurin for “all he does helping us senior citizens with food, calls, and love.”

If you would like to sign up for altar flowers, to be given in honor, in memory, or in celebration, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643.

**Ad Council Meeting** – All Administrative Council members are asked to attend the monthly meeting Sunday, August 9 at 4:00 PM. Contact [Kgroce@wnccumc.net](mailto:Kgroce@wnccumc.net) to receive the Zoom invitation and/or phone number to call in.

**Praise!** Congratulations to Emily & Zach Williams on the birth of their son, Atley Scott, on August 1. Proud grandparents are Mary Ann & Bob Smith, and Uncle Isaac Smith.

Praise that Pat Stevenson had a successful surgery on August 5 and is now home.

**The Prayer Chain has received requests to pray for the following people:** Albert Esterline, Frank York, and Trudy Sillmon. Also, prayers for Noah Demmitt, Amy Coffee, and many others dealing with the challenges of our COVID times. Prayers for Anita Trumpler Rich’s neighbor, Jennifer Gregory, who has cancer. And for Jeff Sasser, a colleague of David Groce at Northwest Middle School, dealing with cancer. Jackie Thompson’s cousin, Kay, suffered a stroke. Pat Gunn, a friend of Margaret Turnage, is back in the hospital.

**If you have a prayer concern,** please contact the church office at 336-299-9643 or call Kelley at the parsonage. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation or only with the pastoral staff.

**Fall Bible Study - Romans: Interpretation Bible Studies** - Our study group meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Call the church, or e-mail Kelley [kgroce@wnccumc.net](mailto:kgroce@wnccumc.net) to let her know if you would like to participate.

**End Racism Now – Yard Signs** are available for purchase at the church for \$8 each. We have a limited number available, but we can order more. If you would like one, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643 to arrange pick-up or delivery.



**Meals Delivered** – Thanks to the hard work of Alex & Juli Hurin, and several others, meals of Chicken Pot Pie, Shepherd's Pie, Chicken 'n Dumplings\*, Cheesy Beefy Noodle Bake, Chicken Penne Bake, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Chicken Stroganoff, Chicken Tetrazzini, Quarts of Brunswick Stew, Peach Dump Cake, Apple Crisp, delicious Brownies, and Peanut Butter with Chocolate Brownies have been delivered to our congregants at Friends Homes West, Friends Homes Guilford, Well Spring, UMAR residencies, and at individuals homes. If you would like a meal delivered, contact Alex Hurin at 336-457-0130. Entrees are a suggested donation of \$6 each, \$5 for Chicken 'n Dumplings\* \$4 for Peach Dump Cake or Apple Crisp, and \$1.50 for Brownies. \*NEW!



**Sermon By Phone** – Centenary UMC is now recording the audio of the sermon only for playback by phone call. So, for those in our congregation that do not have the capability to watch our YouTube videos of the entire worship service, they may now call 336-270-2202 and listen to the sermon.

**The Centenary UMC Starlight Book Club** will meet on August 20 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. You can participate via phone or computer. Email Kelley to receive your Zoom invitation [kgroce@wnccumc.net](mailto:kgroce@wnccumc.net). Our book discussion for August will be *Where the Light Enters* by Sarah Donati (sequel to *The Gilded Hour*)

**All book club participants**, please e-mail Kelley at [kgroce@wnccumc.net](mailto:kgroce@wnccumc.net) by August 10, the list of recommended books to consider for the months of September, October, November, and December. Kelley will compile the list, send it out to all participants, and ask you to then choose your top four, which will then be shared on August 20.



**Drive-Thru Ice Cream Social** - Join us on Sunday, August 23 for a Drive-Thru Ice Cream Social in the church parking lot from 2:00-4:00 PM. All participants are asked to remain in their vehicles and wear their masks when being served wrapped ice cream treats at the church portico. All servers will be wearing masks and gloves, and maintain as much social distance as

possible. If you have donations of canned food or men’s athletic socks for Greensboro Urban Ministry, please put them in your trunk and volunteers will retrieve them from you as you go through the line.

**UMW** - The Northern Piedmont District Annual Celebration will be held via Zoom on Saturday, August 29 at 3:00 PM. Details will be coming soon.

**WNCC UMW Annual Celebration** will be held via Zoom Webinar on September 26 & 27. The theme for this year’s celebration is *Walk in God’s Light*.

**Giving Above and Beyond!** - Centenary will continue to collect monetary donations towards food insecurity non-profit organizations in honor or in memory of a loved one. During the month of August proceeds will be going to Backpack Beginnings and recognitions in the September *Centenarian*. Make your check payable to Centenary UMC and put “BPB” in the memo line. Backpack Beginnings feeds and clothes 9,000 students and families a year.



**Sermon Notes**

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