



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Ave.

Greensboro, NC 27403

March 27, 2022

11:00 AM

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor

Anita Trumpler-Rich, Music Director

Welcome friends, family, and visitors. May your hearts be touched by the Holy Spirit as we join in worship with devotion, songs, and prayer.

Our Mission: To experience God's life-changing love and take God's love into the world.

Our Vision: To be a church where everyone is involved in ministry.

†Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Music

Lyric Echoes...Steven Scott

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

Bidden, Unbidden...Boyden/Edwards

Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: Return to the Lord your God,

People: for God is gracious.

Leader: Confess to the Lord your God,

People: for God is merciful.

Leader: Repent to the Lord your God,

People: for God is slow to anger.

Leader: Praise the Lord your God,

People: for God abounds in steadfast love.

Leader: Worship the Lord your God.

All: Together, let us worship God!

Submitted by Rev. Daniel Commerford, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Covington, GA

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

in you we have found our inheritance

and received much more than we have ever deserved.

However, we have often squandered that inheritance,

choosing to spoil it rather than share it with others.

Forgive us for the moments when we have been selfish

and simply set our sights on our own desires instead of others' needs.

Broaden our gaze that we might live righteous lives

pleasing to you and beneficial to your eternal kingdom.

Greet us as the forgiving father greeted his wayward son.

Welcome us home for we long to live within your faithfulness.

This we pray in name of the One whom we adore, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this promise of scripture:

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

everything old has passed away;

see, everything has become new!"

Instead of being bound to his sinful past,

the prodigal son found newness in his father's forgiveness.

So, too, have we found newness in God's mercy!

Friends, I announce to you this day our sins have been forgiven. **Amen.**

†Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384, v. 1,2, & 4

Lenten Wreath Reading

Becki Satore

Joys and Concerns of 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, and the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

Anthem

Love Lifted Me...Rowe/Smith

Choir

Scripture

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon I Just Can't Believe it!

Rev. Kelley Groce

†Response to the Word: Lenten Litany

Jesus, you came that we might have life, and have it abundantly

ALL: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

You poured living water into lives that were parched and thirsty

ALL: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

You fed souls that were hungry with the bread of life

ALL: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

You brought healing through a touch that knew no prejudice or barrier

ALL: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

You brought Salvation through the cross,

ALL: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

You brought a means through which mankind could be made right again with its Creator

ALL: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

You brought comfort to the sorrowing, liberty to the poor

ALL: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

You accept us as we are, and mould us into the people we were meant to be

ALL: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

You enable broken lives and relationships to be made whole again

ALL: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

†Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

†Hymn

Softly and Tenderly

UMH, #348, v. 1&4

We Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus...Helen Lemmel

Choir

†Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #140, v. 1&3

†Benediction

†Postlude

Postlude in C...Rinck



As you engage your 'Prayer Life' this week, please remember these prayer concerns: If you have a prayer concern or praise, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643, or call Kelley at the parsonage 336-285-5081. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.

James Esterline, injured hand. **Rev. Mark Norman Vickers**, in the hospital. **Lenora Reece**, back pain. **Cindy Friedburg (friend of Betty Durham's)** cancer. **Irmgard Daiber**, for cancer treatment. **Darryl**, (cousin of Mary Ann Smith) died March 21. **Gretchen Crabtree**, pacemaker. **Sheridian Wacker**, stage 2 breast cancer. **Susan Carrick**, AFib symptoms. **Dave Blackman**. **Jane Norman**, is at home now recovering. **Scott Stanley**. **Anne Murr**, prayers for her treatments. **Margaret Miller** health issues. **Lori Johnson**. **Trudy Sillmon**. **Don & Clara Ellis**. **Aly Saunders**.

Announcements

Spring Church Wide Luncheon after worship service on April 3rd - we have finalized our menu for the Luncheon, the menu is spaghetti, salad, and dessert. Beverages will be provided. The cost is \$8.00 dollars each. Please complete the form in the bulletin this Sunday and return to offering plate. You can call the office or email Libby at libby@centenaryumcgreensboro.org with your reservations.

Sunday March 27th- April 10th at 10:00am for Sunday School our classes we will be studying the book "24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton.

Bible Study Opportunity Lent: Witness at the Cross –our first meeting on March 28th -April 11th at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room.



Birthdays this week- Cindie Sillmon (29), Caryn Hull (31)