



*Centenary United Methodist Church  
2300 W. Friendly Ave.  
Greensboro, NC 27403  
May 26, 2024  
Trinity Sunday*

**Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor**

**Anita Trumpler-Rich, Music Director**

**Guest Pastor: Jill Alventosa-Brown**

*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.*

Gathering Music

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship:

L: Though many places in the world are bound in war.

**P: The peace of God is poured out for all people.**

L: Though discord and struggle have become factors in the lives of the people.

**P: The love of God is lavished on all people.**

L: Let us praise the God of love and peace.

**P: Let us listen for God's words of peace and justice for all people.**

L: May we join our voices in prayer:

**Loving God,**

**we are limited in our understanding of you,**

**but we know that you care for us and for all creation.**

**Thank you for loving us**

**and remaining with us in our sorrows and joys.**

**Thank you for the life of Jesus**

**whose life shows us the way to life and happiness and trust.**

**Thank you for your Spirit who leads us.**

**Warm our hearts and unite us,**

**that we might open our lives to you**

**to accept all your love and to respond to it**

**by entrusting ourselves to you**

**with all that you have made us and given us.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

†Hymn

†Litany for Memorial Day

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

**PEOPLE: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

**PEOPLE: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

**PEOPLE: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

**PEOPLE: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**

Leader: O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

**PEOPLE: AMEN.**

Joys and Concerns of People

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. Amen**

Anthem

Scripture: Act 10: 44-48

Sermon: "Astonished be the Spirit" Rev. Jill Alventosa-Brown

†Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings.

Offertory

†Doxology

†Hymn

†Benediction

†Postlude

†Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able and please silence your cell phones†



As you engage your 'Prayer Life' this week, please remember these prayer concerns. If you have a prayer concern or praises, 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.

### **Prayer Concerns:**

John Pugh. Dot Ferrie (our 102-year-old friend from IPUMC who is a faithful member of the Friendship Club). Michael Santowaso-cancer (David's son-in-law). Emmet (Margaret Turnage neighbors). Pray for our church that we may be guarded in our conversations during this time of transition. JJ Hodge (friend of Harold and Linda Billings). Ann Hennings. Joann Martin. Abbie Samuel. Carol & Bobby Burklin. Margaret & Patrick Miller. Martha Nell Rives. Gretchen Crabtree. Dave & Barbara Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lee & Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Aly Saunders. Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover.

### **Announcements and Calendar of events**

**May Birthdays:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamerson Stout. 5<sup>th</sup> Coak May. 8<sup>th</sup> Robb Stowe. 22<sup>nd</sup> Jeane Batten.

24<sup>th</sup> Bianca York. 25<sup>th</sup> Dylan Sillmon. 27<sup>th</sup> Spencer Deuterman, Kathy Swing. 30<sup>th</sup> Susan Roach.

**June Birthdays:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Lindy Hutchinson. 5<sup>th</sup> Jean Brincefield & Suzy Swindell. 6<sup>th</sup> Mandy Durham.

8<sup>th</sup> Phoebe Swing. 10<sup>th</sup> Becky Bettini. 11<sup>th</sup> Jim Singleton. 16<sup>th</sup> Duilla Harkins. 17<sup>th</sup> Andreas

Daiber. 24<sup>th</sup> Lenora Reece. 28<sup>th</sup> Diane Stanley. 29<sup>th</sup> Aaron Snider.

**May 27<sup>th</sup> – Church Office will be closed.**

**Clothes Closet special requests: Right now, we are in good shape with clothes, but we need men's and women's underwear. Take-along style suitcases on wheels or duffle type bags. Travel size shampoo, toothpaste, and body wash. If you have any questions, please see Caryn Hull or Dona Pickett**

**The Blessed Table Food Pantry: currently monetary gifts are needed.**

Litany- A Litany from *The Book of Worship for United States Forces (1974)*

Call to Worship-~ Originally from Claretian Publications, but posted on

the <http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/> website.the <http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/> website.