



*Centenary United Methodist Church  
2300 W. Friendly Ave.  
Greensboro, NC 27403  
June 2, 2024*

**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.*

Gathering Music

Dialogue

Franklin Ashdown

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

How Firm a Foundation

Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: How are you this morning?

**P: It would be easy for us to say “fine, thank you”, but the truth is that there are lots of things going on in your lives, lots of time crunches and pressures.**

L: You have come to the right place. Rest for a minute. Take a deep breath and let it out slowly. Just relax and let your heart be open to God’s word for you.

**P: That sounds good to us.**

L: Feel the healing, soothing power of God’s love for you.

**P: Lord, we rest our minds, spirits, and hearts in your compassionate love.**

**AMEN.**

Leader: Let us pray together:

**Lord, as we walked through the doors to this place of worship, we brought with us our cares and concerns, our joys and our sorrows. Touch our hearts and heal us, Lord. Make us ready to become your faithful disciples. AMEN.**

†Hymn

Take Time to be Holy

UMH 395

Scripture:

Exodus 20: 8-11, Mark 2: 23-3:6

Sermon:

“A Holy Sabbath”

Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith

Apostle’s Creed

UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

Anthem

It Is Well With my Soul Stafford/Bliss, arr. Krogstad

Choir

CONCERNS AND JOYS OF CONGREGATION

Pastoral Prayer

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin

and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

### Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, you know how we are. We let the frustrations and worries of our lives overcome us. Our hearts seem to buckle under the weight of anger and confusion. And we turn away from you, sure that you can do nothing to alleviate our strife. How foolish we are! How faithless we are! Please forgive us. Help us to learn that you are actively involved in our lives, not as a “puppet master” but as a creative co-worker, seeking healing and hope not only for each of us, but for the whole world. Make us into disciples of peace and compassion; for we ask this in Jesus’ Name.  
**AMEN.**

### Words of Assurance

Let go of your fears and doubts. God pours God’s love on you, in you and through you to others. Be at peace. **AMEN.**

Let us worship with God’s Tithes and our Offerings.

Offertory                      Let Us Be Bread                      Thomas Porter                      Choir

### †Doxology

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you.*

***And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts.*

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*Almighty God, Creator of the universe,*

*Ruler of all nations, Judge of all flesh,*

*you have placed us, your people, in this land made rich*

*with rivers, forests, mountains, and creatures great and small.*

*Here, you set before the founders and pioneers of this nation*

*an opportunity beyond measure*

*to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom.*

*Here you continue to call your people,*

*freed from the law and baptized into Christ Jesus,  
to be a sign of your reign in all the world.  
For such a place, such a vision  
and such a calling we give you thanks,  
praying we may ever join afresh the dreams you set before us.  
And so, with your people in every land on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

*Above all we give you thanks  
for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who sends us into the world  
to declare the good news of your kingdom  
to every creature:  
Justice to all peoples,  
good news to the poor,  
release for prisoners,  
sight for the blind,  
and freedom for the oppressed.  
On the night before he was arrested and sentenced to death  
by the authorities of his own nation,  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples,  
and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you."  
When supper was over,  
he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Drink from this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the covenant  
poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins."  
And so we remember again as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

***Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.***

*We pour ourselves out before you in praise and thanksgiving,  
a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us.*

*Pour out your Spirit*

*on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.*

*Make Christ known to us in the breaking of this bread,  
and the sharing of this cup.*

*Renew our fellowship in him,*

*that we may be for the world his body*

*poured out for the world*

*at this time in this nation,*

*and at that great banquet in the fullness of your new creation*

*where justice flows like rivers,*

*righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,*

*where none shall hunger or thirst,*

*neither shall they learn war anymore.*

*By him, with him, and in him,*

*in the unity of the Holy Spirit,*

*all glory and honor is yours, almighty God,*

*now and ever. Amen.*

Now with the confidence as the children of God let us pray the prayer which Jesus taught his disciples:

**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. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

†HYMN                      God Be With You till we Meet Again                      UMH 673 (1&4)

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

† Benediction

†Postlude                                      Fuga                                      Josef Seeger

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

We were sad to hear of the passing of Dot Ferrier, she was 102 years old and came to from Irving Park UMC to our Friendship Club. We extend our sympathy to her family and church family.



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. 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. Win & Lin Johnson-health challenges (Jeane Batten's (brother & sister-in-law)).

### **Announcements and Calendar of Events**

**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.

**June 9<sup>th</sup> – Revisioning Committee Meeting after worship.** Light lunch will be served.

**June 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> –** Betty will be out of the office.

**June 15<sup>th</sup> – Friendly Pool Car Wash** is the parking lot.

**June 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> –** Kelley and Betty will be at Annual Conference.

**No Community Breakfast or Clothes Closet this month.**

**Newlyn Street Hot Dog and Fried Pie Sale closed for the summer. They will start back in September.**

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

