



**Centenary United Methodist Church  
2300 W. Friendly Ave.  
Greensboro, NC 27403  
March 26, 2023**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**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

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

Call to worship:

The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.

**Here in this place,**

**Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.**

We are children of the living God.

**Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!**

*written by Amy Loving, and posted on The Worship Closet: The Place for Creative Worship Ideas*

Prayer of Confession for Lent

**Lord, we know Easter is coming soon and while we anxiously wait to celebrate your triumphant victory over sin and death, there are still difficult days between now and then. There is nothing perfect about us, yet you beckon us with hands that soon will be scarred by betrayal, greed, selfishness, pettiness, pride, and apathy. You see us and our imperfections with compassionate and patient eyes as we struggle to rid our lives of all the worldly things that distort, distract, and entangle us. As the cross looms ahead, our eyes and our focus are on you and you alone for our redemption and salvation. In Christ's name, Amen.**

*Cynthia Bond Hopson, The Africana Worship Book for Year B, Discipleship Resources, 2007, p. 153.*

†Hymn: This is a Day of New Beginnings UMH 383

Lenten Wreath Reading and Extinguishing of Candle

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Scripture: John 11: 1-45

Sermon Series: The Characters of Easter; The Friends of Christ: Lazarus, Mary, and Martha

†Affirmation of Faith Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6, and Colossians 1: 15-20 UMH 888

†Hymn: Lord of Dance 261 UMH ( 1-3)

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offering.

Offertory

†Doxology

†Hymn: Lord of Dance UMH 261 (v 4&5)

†Benediction

†Postlude

†Please stand as you are able and silence your cell phones.

The ferns that adorn the Sanctuary are given in honor of everyone's Lenten Journey as we draw closer to Christ by Pastor Kelley.

**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.**

**Prayer Concerns:**



Gretchen Crabtree. Susan Shuping. Betty Pleasants. Dave Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lori Johnson. Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane, Jim & Scott Stanley. Anne Murr. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Till West (David Groce's aunt). Patricia Shoffner(fall).

Paige Boyd (Kelley's sister) surgery. Linda Billings, surgery 3/23. Renee Hayes (Betty Durham's friend) heart. Andrew Gibbons (Harold Billings' nephew) heart.

**Announcements and Calendar of events**



**March Birthdays** – Jim Wilson (1). Chrissy Verchick (2). Frazier Robinson (3) Estelle Cranford (7). Dottie Rayburn (10). Rachel Sheppard (11). Pat Stevenson, Alan Rayburn (15). Kristina Kinard (16). Harold Billings (19). Charlie Sartore (22) Doris Pruitt (24). Andrew Snider (25). Cindie Sillmon (29). Caryn Hull, Michael Townsend (31).

**Sunday School at 9:45am** – in the Fellowship Hall. Study: Season 3 of “The Chosen”.

**Undie Sunday.** The first Sunday of each month. Needed black and white socks for men and women. New packaged underwear for men and women, all sizes.

**Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign continues.** If you would like to contribute to the cause- please gift to **Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign and designate as such.**

**The Altar Flower Calendar is posted.** There are dates still available. The cost is \$65.00/Sunday if we order from the florist. If you are interested in a less expensive option, please call the church office (336-299-9643).

Attendance – March 12, 2023

Sunday School 20

Worship - in person 54

Worship - FaceBook Live

Lunch Program – FaceBook Live

Worship - YouTube