



*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich,
so that you through his poverty might become rich.*

2 Corinthians 8:9

*Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
June 30, 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 Song from a Secret Garden Rolf Lovland Lloyd Eubanks, Cello

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to worship Surely the Presence of the Lord Lanny Wolfe Choir

Call to worship:

L: Independence Day is this week.

P: We celebrate a time when our country declared its independence from foreign domination.

L: But many things dominate our hearts: fear, apathy, intolerance, anger.

P: May God hear our celebrations and also our cries for help.

L: Remember how God has blessed you and be a blessing to others.

P: Lord, keep our hearts and minds open to your word and your way. AMEN.

L: Let us join our voices in prayer:

God of freedom and miracles, we wait for your voice and direction this morning. We are so busy with the holiday celebrations and gatherings, yet the words of anguish arise around us. News of tragedy and war blare at us from all directions. Hear our cries, O Lord. Come and comfort and heal our wounds. Open our hearts this day that we might become people who bring peace and hope to those in despair. For we ask these things in the name of the master healer, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

†Hymn Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life UMH 427

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

Anthem All Things Bright and Beautiful John Rutter Choir

Scripture: Psalm 117, Psalm 118:1, 2 Corinthians 8:8-15, Mark 5:21-43

Sermon: "Go in Peace" Rev. Diane Marsden

†Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

We Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

†Doxology

†Hymn

Kum Ba Yah

UMH 494

Choral Benediction

Go Now in Peace

Natalie Sleeth

Choir

†Benediction

Pray together

Lord God Almighty, in whose name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have the grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

(1979 Book of Common Prayer, Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA)

†Postlude

Recessional

Henry Purcell

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

“We welcome cellist Lloyd Eubanks and thank him for sharing his beautiful music with us in today’s worship!”

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:

Doris Pruitt-in Wesley Long Hospital for scheduled hip replacement surgery. 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. 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. Gail Eggers, wife of Rev. Lee Eggers (stoke). The family of Rebecca Beck who passed away June 18th (former Centenary Church Member).

We extend our sympathy to Suzy Swindell in the passing of her sister-in-law, Seron Swindell Barnard, Larry’s sister. Sheron passed away on June 18.

Announcements and Calendar of Events

June Birthdays: 3rd Lindy Hutchinson. 5th Jean Brincefield & Suzy Swindell. 6th Mandy Durham. 8th Phoebe Swing. 10th Becky Bettini. 11th Jim Singleton. 16th Duilla Harkins. 17th Andreas Daiber. 24th Lenora Reece. 28th Diane Stanley. 29th Aaron Snider.

July Birthdays: 1st Addison Snider. 4th Mark Snider. 9th Hazel Perritt. 9th David Blackman. 10th Sara Jones and Emily Wagoner. 11th Rives Deuterman. 14th Jim John. 15th Joann Martin. 16th Leith Singletary. 23rd Barbara Albright. 24th Fran Williams. 28th Bonnie Bradham. 31st Thomas Liles.

No Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet for July.

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

We express our thanks to Rev. Dianne Mardsen for being our guest pastor today.

Dianne is a native of Winston-Salem. She is a graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary. She has served churches in New Jersey and throughout the Western North Carolina Conference including Greensboro. Dianne has two children and two grandchildren.