



**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 Etude-tableau in C minor, Op. 33, No. 3

Sergei Rachmaninoff
James Esterline, Piano

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

In Christ Alone

Choir

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 (v 1&4)

Lenten Wreath Reading and Extinguishing of Candle

Caryn Hull and Dona Pickett

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Where Are the Shepherds Now?

Williams/Stevens

Choir

Scripture:

John 11: 1-45

Sermon Series:

The Characters of Easter; The Friends of Christ: Lazarus, Mary, and Martha
Rev. Kelley Groce

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

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).

March 28th at 6:30pm – Lenten Bible Study. “The Passion Play” by Rob Fuquay. In the Conference Room.

April 2nd - Palm Sunday - Sunday School – “The Chosen” and Worship.

April 4th at 6:30pm – Lenten Bible Study. “The Passion Play” by Rob Fuquay.

April 6th – Maundy Thursday

5:00pm - Stations of the Cross

6:30pm - Worship Service and Communion.

April 9th – Easter Sunday

9:45am - Drop off flowers at the Cross outside and Brunch in the Fellowship Hall

11 am - Worship Service

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).

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