



## **Centenary United Methodist Church**

**2300 W. Friendly Ave.**

**Greensboro, NC 27403**

**March 28, 2021**

**Palm Sunday**

**Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor**

**Anita Trumpler-Rich, Music Director**

## Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Prelude Canon...Pachelbel...Melody Rose, Flute

Choral Call to Worship Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross UMH 301, v. 1

Call to Worship:

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

**P: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

L: Let Israel say, "His love endures forever!" and all who fear God say, "His love endures forever!"

**P: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

L: With the Lord on our side, what can we fear? What can humankind do?

**P: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

L: We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the Lord, our God!

**P: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

L: The Lord is our strength and our might. The Lord has become our salvation!

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*—adapted from Psalm 118*

## **Opening Prayer of the Day (Church of Scotland)**

L. Humble and riding on a donkey,

**P. we greet you;**

L. Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

**P. we cheer you;**

L. moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

**P. We salute you: Christ our Lord.**

L. You are giving the beast of burden

**P. a new dignity;**

L. you are giving majesty

**P. a new face;**

L. you are giving those who long for redemption

**P. A new song to sing.**

L. With them, with heart and voice, we shout:

**P. Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

*—from Common Order, Panel on Worship, Church of Scotland, 1994. Used by permission.*

Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

UMH 280 vs. 1&2

(Refrain)

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David’s royal Son,  
who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and Blessed One.

(refrain)

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The company of angels are praising thee on high,  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

(refrain)

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Prayer of Confession for Palm Sunday

**O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you:  
we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem’s,  
that our faith is often more show than substance,  
that our hearts are in need of cleansing.**

**Have mercy on us, son of David, Savior of our lives.**

**Help us to lay at your feet**

**all that we have and all that we are, trusting you**

**to forgive what is sinful,**

**to heal what is broken,**

**to welcome our praises,**

**and to receive us as your own.**

—written by John Paarlberg, retired minister of Word and sacrament

Assurance of Pardon (inspired by Psalm 31: 14-15)

The Psalmist says:

*But I trust in you, O Lord, I say 'You are my God.' My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me. Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.*

In Christ, God hears; God answers; God sets us free.

**In Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

~ written by Rev. Grant Barclay and posted on the Church of Scotland's **Starters for Sunday** website. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Special Music

Flute Sonata #5: Giga...Handel

Melody Rose, Flute

We Worship with God's Offerings and our Tithes

Offertory Prayer

Offertory      Improvisation in F-sharp Minor for Native American Flute      Melody Rose

Scripture: Mark 11: 1-11

Hymn                              “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”                              UMH 278, vs. 1&3

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

Sermon                              The journey to Eternity                              Reverend Kelley Groce

Hymn                              “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”                              UMH 295 v.1

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering  
o’er the wrecks of time; all the light of  
sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude                              “God Be With You”                              UMH 673

“We welcome and thank Melody Rose for sharing her beautiful music with us today.”



**Birthdays for this week –(March)** Cindie Sillmon (29), Caryn Hull (31)  
**(April)** Patrick Miller (3), Chuck Carrick (4)

## 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. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation or only with the pastoral staff.

**Congratulations to Suzy Swindell** on the birth of her grandson, William Edward Gray to Deborah and Dannie Gray. William was born on March 24 at 7:12am. 8 lbs. and 23 ¾ inches long. Parent's and baby are doing well. **Sally Goin**, prayer for continue health. **Joe Foster, Pat Stevenson's son**, has developed Covid-19. **Abbie Samuel**, recovering from her second detached retina surgery. She is home. **Jane Koenig, friend of Debbie Robinson**, fell and has terrible brain and head injuries. **Scott Stanley**, cellulitis. **Ms. Carol, friend of Scott Stanley**, health problems. **Edna Johnson** had surgery. **Carrie Hodgin, friend of Dona Pickett**, going through some serious health issues. **Gretchen Crabtree's sister, Joyce Anderson**, health concerns. **Cynthia Michael**, upcoming shoulder surgery in March. **Susan Carrick** with health issues. **Nancy Carrick** upcoming medical tests. **Corey Marion**, esophageal cancer. **Don & Clara Ellis, Trudy Sillmon, Rachel Sheppard**.

**Our Condolences** to the family of Peggy Boles who died on Friday, March 19.

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Also, many are dealing with anxiety, stress, depression, and loneliness due to COVID-19. Please put it upon your heart to offer all people the grace which God offers all. Prayers for our country during this transition.

**Continue to lift up Centenary UMC in prayer.** The leadership of the church is working on creative ways to bring smaller groups in for study and worship.



### Upcoming events for Holy Week

- Today, March 28<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday, Stations of the Cross Begins at 2:00pm enter at the portico and walk the stations. **We ask that you wear your mask, social distance and use hand sanitizer.**
- March 29<sup>th</sup> Monday, noon prayer service—Call the office 336-299-9643 or email Libby [libby@centenaryumcgreensboro.org](mailto:libby@centenaryumcgreensboro.org) to make reservations to

attend. **(We are Limited to 80 people). We ask that you wear your mask, social distance and use hand sanitizer.**

- March 30<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, Lenten Bible Study at 10:00am or 6:30pm.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> Maundy Thursday Service –service will be recorded.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Good Friday Service-service will be recorded.
- Easter Sunday Celebration, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am, - For those who desire to register for in-person service, registrations can be made either online or by calling the church office, 336-299-9643 or email Libby [libby@centenaryumcgreensboro.org](mailto:libby@centenaryumcgreensboro.org) to attend. **We are limited to 80 people. There will be a temperature check performed, use hand sanitizer, wear a mask, social distance.** You will be ushered to your seats. We will continue to record the service until the pandemic is over. Flower Cross-Bring your Flowers to decorate the Cross to adorn our Cross on the Front Lawn and Celebrate Easter.

✚ **Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – The church office will be closed for the holiday.**

✚ **The church will have a recorded service on April 11<sup>th</sup> .**

✚ **Welcome Back! We will re-open for in person service at 11:00am on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> with reservations, limited to 80 people.**