



Centenary

United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Ave.,
Greensboro, NC 27403

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

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Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship *Open My Eyes that I May See* 454, v.1 UMH

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ the Lord is risen today!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for the abundance we have received?

People: Our hearts are burning to praise God today.

Leader: We lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

People: Our hearts are burning to connect with one another.

Leader: We pay our vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

People: Our hearts are burning with recognition of the risen Christ among us.

Leader: Christ the Lord is risen today!

People: Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

O Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world, and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze; We need your strength and wisdom. Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us eyes ever to behold the red and purple sunset. Make us wise so that we may understand what you have taught us. Help us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and steady eyes, so when life fades, like the fading sunset, our hearts come to you without shame. Amen

– Traditional Native American Prayer, #329 The United Methodist Hymnal

Hymn *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)* 3104 WS

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Psalter Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

We Worship with our Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* 349 UMH

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:13-35

Hymn *I Love You, Lord* 2068 TFWS

Sermon

“The Journey of Hope”

Rev. Kelley Groce

Affirmation of Faith

Native American Creed

I believe in God, Creator of our unique native languages. Who gifted us this identity as a distinct people through our native tongues, so that our native spiritual leaders could relay God’s love to our native people who could not understand that foreign tongue called English.

I believe in Jesus Christ, our relative. Who talked of us when he said, “I have other sheep out there, besides those I have here.” I believe in Jesus Christ who knew the pain of our native people who were forced from their homeland and had no place to lay their head. I believe in Jesus Christ as our Chief Cornerstone as we begin to build a new generation of native spiritual leaders. I believe in Jesus Christ who does not say “goodbye” in any language, but says “I will come again.”

I believe in the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire lighting upon our native people to witness to their people and to the world, through the native song and dance. I believe in the Holy Spirit as our guide and the driving force for our native people to do a new thing as we walk a new journey, toward perfection for all humankind.

Hymn

Open the Eyes of My Heart

3008 WS

Benediction

As we depart from one another, remember, Creator God was here before we came and will be here after we depart. Creator God came in with us and will stay with us when we depart. We are all connected to each other and to our Creator. All praise to Creator God! Amen.

Excerpt from the Native American Writing Group of the Open Source Liturgy Project (Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church)

Choral Benediction

The Risen Christ

3179 WS, v.1 (tune of 101 UMH)

Thank You to Amy Coffee and Noah Demmitt for their participation in today's service.

Music – UMH = *United Methodist Hymnal*, TFWS = *The Faith We Sing*, and WS = *Worship and Song*

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Bible Study – Our next study begins on Tuesday, April 28 at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM using Zoom to meet together virtually, until such time that we may meet together at the church. Send an email to kgroce@wnccumc.net to receive an email invitation to Zoom. You may purchase the book [Interpretation Bible Studies: Psalms](#) through ChristianBooks.com or follow along in your Bible. We hope that many of you will join us to gain courage, strength, and inspiration from the Psalms.