



# Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC  
27403

June 6, 2021      11:00 AM

**Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor  
and  
Anita Trumpler-Rich, Director of  
Music**

**Gathering**                      *Trumpet Tune...Henry Purcell*

**Announcements for Missions and Ministry**

**Choral call to Worship**              *It is Well With My Soul*

**Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

The risen Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

**Hymn of Praise**                      *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

UMH 160, v. 1&5

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give  
thanks, and sing; your glorious banner  
wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

(Refrain)

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

5. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom  
we adore, the Father, Son, and  
Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.

(Refrain)

**Opening Prayer**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION\***

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**Scripture Lessons: Genesis 8:20, Psalm 30: 2, 11-12, I Thessalonians 5: 16-18**

**Sermon Gratitude and the Unexpected Gifts Rev. Kelley Groce**

**Response to the Word The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**Anthem *Now the Silence***

**Concerns and Prayers\***

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Invitation**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**CONFESSION AND PARDON.**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

**Leader to People:** Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People to Leader:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**Leader and People:** Glory to God. Amen.

## Offering

As forgiven and reconciled people,  
Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

## Offertory

*Give Thanks*

Thanksgiving and Communion

Taking the Bread and Cup

The Great Thanksgiving\*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Breaking the Bread**

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

### **GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

#### **Prayer following Communion**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Hymn**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

UMH 102, v. 1&3

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
3. All Praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reign with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

### **Dismissal with Blessing**

Go forth in peace.  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all. **Amen.**

#### **Postlude**

*Laudation...Gilbert Martin*

**Altar Flowers:** the plant in the sanctuary today is given To the Glory of God in honor of my daughter Mandy's birthday and in honor of D-Day and all those who fought in World War II, by Betty Durham.

**Notes for Today:**

This Sunday, June 6th we will gather at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall to put Blessing Food Bags together. Come and join us!

This Sunday, June 6th at 2:00pm SPRC meeting in the Conference Room.



Dear Centenarians,

Thank you for the cards of encouragement and love you have sent to Trudy and our family. We really appreciate all of the good food that we've enjoyed during this challenging time. The church family means so much to our family, and your prayers and kindness are much appreciated.

Love,

Trudy & David Sillmon



**Congratulations!**

**Nancy and Coak May celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Linda and Harold Billings will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**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. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.



**Praise – Ann and the late Ed Hennings, have a new great grandchild, Thomas Trey Graves, born on Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>, which would have been Ed's 87<sup>th</sup> birthday. The family is doing well.**

**Ann Murr**, challenging health concerns. **Jennifer Slaine**, surgery in June. **Dot Frye. Jeane Batten. Louise Woods**, Carolina Pines is now allowing visitors, Louise is in room 225 and would love to have visits. **Lori Johnson**, diagnosis with breast cancer. **Nina Stowe, co-worker's son, Malachi**, 9 months old with leukemia. **Trudy Sillmon. Keith Eller**, moved to Guilford Health Care Center for Rehab. **Kristy Carpenter, Betty and John Durham's cousin**, cancer. **Abbie Samuel. Susan Carrick. Nancy Carrick. Corey Marion. Don & Clara Ellis. Rachel Sheppard. Aly Saunders. Judy Milligan.**



**June Birthdays-** Lindy Hutchison (3), Jean Brincefield & Suzy Swindell (5), Phoebe Swing (8), Becki Bettini (10), Jim Singleton (11), Betty Pleasants (12), Duilla Harkins (16), Andreas Daiber (17), Kelley Groce (23), Lenora Reece (24), Jean Farabee (27), Diane Stanley (28), Aaron Snider (29)