



*Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday*

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor

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*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.*

†Easter Affirmation of Faith

I Believe in the Resurrection

One: We believe in the resurrection.

All: We believe that Jesus died on the cross, his hands and feet held to the wood by metal spikes. We believe that his body was pierced by the soldier's spear, and even the sun was darkened as all creation grieved the death of God's eternal Son.

One: We believe in the resurrection.

All: We believe that Jesus' body was placed in a borrowed tomb, where it lay for three days. We believe that the power of God, his heavenly Father, brought life to his dead body and rolled the stone away from the entrance so all might see that Jesus was no longer there.

One: We believe in the resurrection.

All: We believe that the unbelievable story of the women was true, just as the angel had announced: "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."

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All: We believe that there is no force in the universe that could stop, hinder, contain, or successfully oppose the risen Savior, my Lord, Jesus Christ. No nails are long enough to hold him to any cross unless he wills it to be so. No tomb can be sealed so tightly—by Pilate or Herod, or Caesar himself. Were there an army of a thousand men guarding the tomb, it would make no difference. Jesus said he would lay down his life and take it up again. And he did.

One: We believe in the resurrection.

All: We believe that Jesus appeared to eleven discouraged, defeated, demoralized disciples in a room where the doors were locked and all hope was lost. We believe that when he showed them his nail-pierced hands and his spear-pierced side, they fell at his feet and cried out, "My Lord and my God!" We believe that in the days that followed, hundreds saw him alive. All their doubt was removed; their fear was gone. What could the world do to them? Jesus was alive.

