



**Centenary United Methodist Church  
2300 W. Friendly Ave.  
Greensboro, NC 27403  
June 4, 2023**

**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.*

Prelude

Sun of My Soul

Garrett Parker

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

Go, Make of All Disciples

Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Creator God... Call us all.

**People: You declared, O Lord, that our sons and daughters would prophecy;  
the young will see visions, while the elders dream dreams.**

Leader: Resurrected Christ... guide us all.

**People: You have told us, Great God, what is required:  
to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with You.**

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy Spirit...move us to action.

**People: So that justice rolls like water  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

Leader: Take away all guilt; accept that which is good.

**All: We offer our worship -- the fruit of our lips to you, our God. Amen.**

Hymn:

All Creatures of our God and King

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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.**

Anthem

Lord of the Wind and the Sea

Lloyd Larson

Choir

Scripture:

Matthew 28: 16-20

Sermon:

Following Instructions

Rev. Kelley Groce

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**CONCERNS AND JOYS OF CONGREGATION**

**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.**

We confess, Triune God, that we do not live up to your call to lead a life worthy of our calling. We are slow to show humility, gentleness, and patience. We make little effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit. You are three-in-one and one-in-three; all too often we are every man and woman for ourselves. We need the grace you give us when we ask. Thank you for being above all, and through all, and in all, and forgive us for all our sins,  
  
as we continue to confess in silent prayer.

*Silent Prayer*

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

**Glory to God. Amen.**

Let us worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings.

Offertory

You Are the Seed

Choir

\*Doxology

\*HYMN

Forward Through the Ages

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THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING\*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation,

abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with our patrons, the Apostles Peter and Paul, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion.

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace UMH 668

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Postlude Glory to His Name Franklin Ritter

†Please stand as you are able and silence your cell phones.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of our 64 Anniversary on June 6<sup>th</sup> by Charles and Nancy Gordon.



**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 336-285-5081. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.**

### **Prayer Concerns**

Lori Johnson. Gretchen Crabtree. Betty Pleasants. Dave Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Till West (David Groce’s aunt). Bruce Gillespie (Debbie Robinson’s friend). June Robb (Mary von Glahn’s sister). Rowan James (daughter of David Groce’s co-worker). Rev. Carol Williams-Gilbert. R. L. Almond (Doris Pruitt’s brother). Harold Billings.

## Announcements and Calendar of events



June Birthdays – Lindy Hutchinson (3). Jean Brincefield, Suzy Swindell (5). Phoebe Swing (8). Becky Bettini (10). Jim Singleton (11). Betty Pleasants (12). Duilla Harkins (16). Andreas Daiber (17). Lenora Reece (24). Diane Stanley (28). Aaron Snider (29).

**Sunday School at 9:45am** – in the Fellowship Hall. With a 12-week study on the Disciples of Jesus.

Rev. Kelley will be out of the office June 10<sup>th</sup> thru June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Betty will be out of the office June 7<sup>th</sup> thru June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Betty and Kelley will be out of the office June 14<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> at WNCC Annual Conference.

**June 17<sup>th</sup> – Community Breakfast 8am to 10am.** Please consider coming out to support this all-important mission. We need cooks and servers. Most of all we need those who are willing to provide a listening ear and those willing to pray with our guests. As our numbers continue to grow our community needs you.

**June 25<sup>th</sup> – 1:30pm Grasshoppers Baseball Game.** Family Funday Sunday. Grasshopper vs. Dash. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. For more information contact the church office.

**June 27<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm Summer Bible Study and a meal.**

Attendance – May 28, 2023

Sunday School 12

Worship in-person 54

Worship - FaceBook Live

Worship - YouTube

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