



**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
April 30, 2023**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.*

Gathering Music Primavera, Op. 39, No. 3 Nikolai Medtner James Esterline, Piano

Announcements for Missions and Ministries

Choral Call to Worship The Summons Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears

Call us into Your way of life, O God

The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision

Lead us into Your vision of life, O God

The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts

Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God

Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with Your love, O God

Let us be Your hands and feet in the world, O God.

Let us worship You together as we pray:

Faithful God, we come into Your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness You have shown toward us, Your people. When we call out to You, You answer. When we are exhausted, You give us the strength to go on. When we find ourselves in trouble, You are there, standing beside us. And so we come before You gratitude and praise, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives. Open our eyes to see and know You here among us; open our ears to recognize Your voice. And then send us out from here, to live and work in the world as Your faithful disciples. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†Hymn In Christ There Is No East or West UMH 548

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore Choir

Scripture: Luke 18: 9-14

Sermon: "The Problem with Perception" Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith: The World Methodist Social Affirmation UMH 886

†Gloria Patri

†Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory UMH 577 (v 1&4)

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings.

Offertory Gentle Shepherd Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

UMH 128 (v 1&2)

†Blessing and Benediction

Rev. Kelley Groce

†Postlude

Joy in Christ

Benton Price

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

“Our heartiest thanks to James Esterline for performing our Gathering Music in today’s worship!”



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:

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). Shari Saunders. Faye Elliott. Bruce Gillespie (Debbie Robinson’s friend, cancer, and heart). June Robb (Mary von Glahn’s sister). Annie Oakley (Margaret Turnage’s friend).

Our sympathy to the family of Ellis Rouse who passed away on April 25.

We were sad to hear of the passing of Anne Murr on April 23. Her Celebration of Life will be May 5th at 1pm here at Centenary. Her family will receive family and friends in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

Lori Johnson has been moved to Blumenthal’s Skilled Nursing and Rehab. She would love to have cards and notes. Cards can be sent to:

Lori Johnson
Blumenthal’s Skilled Nursing and Rehab
Room 211
3724 Wireless Dr.
Greensboro, NC 27455

Announcements and Calendar of events



April 30th – Debra Schlueter(30)

May Birthdays – Jameson Stout (3). Coak May (50). Robb Stowe (8). Betty Chambers (10). Fred Wampler (12). Jeane Battten (22). Bianca York (24). Dylan Sillmon (25). Spencer Deuterman, Kathy Swing (27). Susan Roach (30)

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

Undie Sunday. The first Sunday of each month. There is a great need currently for new packaged underwear for men and women, all sizes.

April 30th- Today – Churchwide Picnic after Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, all the fixings and dessert. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

April 30th – Today-3:30 pm – Centenary Community Concert. Come join us, as we continue to rejoice in the Easter Season for a celebration in music of the ever-recurring springtime of the soul with James Esterline and Anita Trumpler-Rich.

May 9th – 12pm- Friendship Club. There will be a speaker from the Historical Society. Also, there will be plenty of fun, fellowship, and food. Please join us, all are welcome!

May 17th – 30pm – Rev. Kelley will be at Friends Home, Guilford to share a devotion and Holy Communion.

May 18th – 6:30 pm - The Centenary Starlight Book Club- The book is Lessons in Chemistry: A Novel by Bonnie Garmus. Will meet at Lucky 32.

May 24th – 2pm to 6:30pm - Mark your calendars- Red Cross Blood drive. Please spread the word to your family and friends. The Red Cross has contacted us to say there is a great need currently! What better gift to give than the gift of Life!

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