



Ascension Sunday

*Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
May 12, 2024
Ascension Sunday
Seventh 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

God Bless the Mothers

Donald Moore

Announcements for Mission and Ministries

Choral Call to worship Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth Janzen/Smith Choir

Call to Worship:

L: Come gather 'round; Jesus is here.

P: We wait for the coming Spirit.

L: Come gather 'round; see the power of Christ before you.

P: With joy, we praise God.

L: May we join our hearts and voices in prayer:

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ, you revealed to us a power that has no parallel. May the eyes of our heart be enlightened to this power and all it has done in our lives.

Pour out your Spirit of power upon us, that we may proclaim your glory and your grace. Amen.

†Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

UMH 185

†Litany for Mother's Day

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

All: Thank God for mothers!

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

All: Thank God for my mother!

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

All: Thank God for the mothers of today.

Leader: For all the women who are expecting but aren't quite mothers yet!

All: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit. We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and 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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

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| Anthem | As Water to the Thirsty | John Carter | Choir |
| Scripture: | Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 | | |
| Sermon: | Onward, Christian Soldiers | | Rev. Kelley Groce |
| †Affirmation of Faith: | The Apostles' Creed | | UMH 881 |
| †Gloria Patri | | | |
| †Hymn | Onward, Christian Soldiers | | UMH 575 (v 1, 3, 5) |
| We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings. | | | |
| Offertory | Open Our Eyes, Lord | Bob Cull | Choir |
| †Doxology | | | |
| †Hymn | Children of the Heavenly Father | | UMH 141 |
| †Choral Benediction | All Praise to Thee | Thomas Tallis | Choir |
| †Postlude | Siciliano from Concerto 5 | Handel, arr. Rawsthorne | |

†Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able and please silence your cell phones†



As you engage your 'Prayer Life' this week, please remember these prayer concerns. If you have a prayer concern or praises, 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:

Michael Santowaso-cancer (David's son-in-law). Emmet (Margaret Turnage neighbors). Pray for our church that we may be guarded in our conversations during this time of transition. JJ Hodge (friend of Harold and Linda Billings). Ann Hennings. Joann Martin. Abbie Samuel. Carol & Bobby Burklin. Margaret & Patrick Miller. Martha Nell Rives. Gretchen Crabtree. Dave & Barbara Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lee & Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Aly Saunders. Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Rev. Don Ellis who passed away on May 1, 2024. His Celebration of Life was held here at Centenary on May 10th. Please keep Clara and the family in your prayers.

Announcements and Calendar of events

May Birthdays: 3rd Jamerson Stout. 5th Coak May. 8th Robb Stowe. 22nd Jeane Batten. 24th Bianca York. 25th Dylan Sillmon. 27th Spencer Deuterman, Kathy Swing. 30th Susan Roach.

May 11th 10am to 1pm Newlyn Street UMC Hot Dog and Fried Pie Sale.

May 14th 12pm Friendship Club. The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Anne Conover, an artist who is resident and retired deacon in the UMC. She will have a program in arts and technology. The meal will be a "picnic". The cost will be \$7.00.

May 18th 8am to 10am, Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet 8am to 10am. All help is needed! Cooks, serving, listening, and praying with our guests. Last month David and Sandy helped one of our guests with a medical need.

May 20th- 11am Mona Sartin's Graveside Service at Alamance Memorial Park.

Clothes Closet special requests: Right now, we are in good shape with clothes, but we need men's and women's underwear. Take-along style suitcases on wheels or duffle type bags. Travel size shampoo, toothpaste, and body wash. If you have any questions, please see Caryn Hull or Dona Pickett

The Blessed Table Food Pantry: currently monetary gifts are needed.

The altar flowers this morning are in honor of all the women of the church. Please take one home with you as you leave today.

