



*Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
June 16, 2024*

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 My Faith Looks Up to Thee Mason, arr. R. Anderson

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to worship Love Lifted Me Rowe/Smith Choir

Call to worship:

Come, sing praises to God!

Rejoice in his presence!

For he is our God:

a Father to the fatherless,
and the defender of all who need protection;
the One in whom the lonely find a home,
and the prisoner finds release.

**Bless the Lord,
the God of our salvation,
who sustains and strengthens us,
day after day!**

Let's worship God together!

L: Let us join our voices in prayer:

Oh God, creator of heaven and earth, who grants us life, may the seeds of wisdom from the ancient sacred texts grow within us so that we may bear good fruit that nourishes a hungry world. May the Holy Spirit of Pentecost descend upon us this day as we give thanks to you Holy One, in Jesus's most precious name we pray. Amen.

†Hymn Faith of our Fathers UMH 710

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. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem Prayer for our Time Masterman/Hopson Choir

Scripture: Luke 7:36-8:3

Sermon: "A Bird Singing Softly in the Night" Rev. Kelley Groce

† Litany for Father’s Day

One: The world’s human community began with one man.
The redemption of humanity was wrought by one man.
Today, we celebrate the contributions
of strong, godly men to our community.

**All: We celebrate men who, with the wisdom of Solomon,
seek God’s perfect plan for their lives and the lives they influence.**

One: We appreciate men who, with the spirit of David, seek repentance,
as men after God’s own heart.

**All: We acknowledge men who, with the obedience of Abraham,
follow God’s direction, help shape the lives of their families,
and ultimately change the world.**

One: We honor men who, like Peter,
are fallible yet passionate about serving the Lord
and fervently building his Kingdom.

**All: As Joseph cared for his father and brothers,
we care for the men of our community
by generously sharing our resources, our time,
and our unconditional love.**

One: We pray for men who have the inner and outward strength of Samson,
but have lost their way.

**All: We’re grateful for men who, like the apostle Paul,
teach us Christian principles and values.
Today, we celebrate men who strive in all things to be like Jesus,
exhibiting his character and his love.**

— reprinted from [The African American Lectionary](#) website

We Worship with God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory He Touched Me William Gaither Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn My Faith Looks Up to Me UMH 452

†Benediction

†Postlude Postludium Simon Sechter

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

The altar memorial floral arrangements: Remembering with gratitude our friend and mentor Don Ellis and most of all his warm and gracious spirit. He has provided many memories for us to cherish. Jim and Barbara North

There are two rose buds on the altar this morning: (UMH 146)

One is in honor of the birth of Stanley Gray John born May 31, 2024, to Nathan and Lauren John, brother to big sister Valerie and grandson of Jim and Teresa John.

One is in honor of the birth of Preston Joseph Verchick born May 17, 2024, to Pierce and Regan Verchick. His grandparents are Christy and Paul Verchick. He is the first great-grandson for Linda and Harold Billings.

Preston made it into this world just in time to celebrate his great-grandparents Linda and Harold Billings' 63rd Wedding Anniversary on June 10th. Happy Anniversary Harold and Linda.

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:

John Pugh. Michael Santowaso-cancer (David's son-in-law). Pray for our church that we may be guarded in our conversations during this time of transition. Ann Hennings. Joann Martin-eye concerns-she will be going to Duke for tests. 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. Win & Lin Johnson (Jeane Batten's brother & sister-in-law). Dave Hull. Joy Ellison (Suzy Swindell's friend). Marie Murray (Newlyn St. friend-heart). Patsy and Charlie Stamey (Patsy hip replacement).

Announcements and Calendar of Events

June Birthdays: 3rd Lindy Hutchinson. 5th Jean Brincefield & Suzy Swindell. 6th Mandy Durham. 8th Phoebe Swing. 10th Becky Bettini. 11th Jim Singleton. 16th Duilla Harkins. 17th Andreas Daiber. 23rd Kelley Groce. 24th Lenora Reece. 28th Diane Stanley. 29th Aaron Snider.

June 19th – 23rd – Kelley and Betty will be at Annual Conference.

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