

Four wooden blocks are arranged horizontally on a corkboard background. From left to right, they spell out the word 'HOPE'. Each block has a red letter and a small red number in the top right corner: 'H' with '6', 'O' with '3', 'P' with '1', and 'E' with '1'.

**...but we also rejoice in our sufferings,
because we know that suffering
produces perseverance;
perseverance, character; and
character, hope.**

Romans 5:3-4

Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27403

July 12, 2020

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor

Anita Trumpler-Rich, Director of Music

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship *My Life is in You, Lord*.....Daniel Gardner

Call to Worship

Leader: God scatters the seeds of reconciliation and love, and waits....

People: So much of it lands on flat pathways or rocky roads and won't take root....

Leader: God scatters the seeds of healing and hope, and waits....

People: Shallowness and fear claim the seeds and they cannot live.

Leader: God scatters the seeds of redemption and peace, and waits....

People: These are the places of deep growth where the seed will cast down strong roots.

Leader: Welcome this day to a seed-scattering station!

People: May our hearts be the rich soil in which God's love takes root.

Leader: Let us pray together:

Lord, nourish the soil of our lives with goodness, courage, hope and love that we may grow in your word and in your way. AMEN.

Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* 154 UMH verses 1, 3 & 4

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

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Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,

Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

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Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

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Joys and Concerns of the 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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever Amen.

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory *Hymn of Promise* Natalie Sleeth

Scripture Romans 5:3-4, Romans 8:28, 2 Corinthians 4:8-9,
and Philippians 1:12-14

Sermon "The Apostle Paul: The Champion of Hope" Rev. Kelley Groce

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Traditional) 881 UMH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn *The Summons*

2130 TFWS verses 1 & 5

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

*Lord, you summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

Benediction

Choral Benediction *Into My Heart* Harry Clarke

Our Sympathy to the following families: Prayers for the family & friends of Dave Frazier, and to Donna Parsons on the death of her husband. Marty and Kimberly Ganoë, and Ashley Hermon are dealing with grief. Also, prayers for sympathy to Rev. Oliver Helsabeck on the death of his mother.

The Prayer Chain has received requests to pray for the following people: Chuck Carrick is recovering from a dog bite. Mandy Durham is having blood pressure issues. Stevie Rice asks for prayer as he recovers from open heart surgery on July 8. Keep Abbie Samuel, Jean Brincefield, Charles Gordon, Dot Frye, Robert Hemphill, Frank York, Trudy Sillmon, Sally Goin, and Bianca York's mother, Rachel Flores, in your prayers. Pray for Barbara Grey, Teresa John's mom, as she transitions to new living arrangements. Margaret Turnage's friend, Pat Gunn, had a stint put in June 25. Pat Stevenson will have surgery August 5. Prayers for Sherri Nebe, Juli Hurin's cousin, who had surgery on July 2 for possible cancer. Also, pray for Kelley's friend's nephew, Dillion, who is a young person with COVID-19. He has been released from the hospital. Fay Elliott asks for prayer for her friend, Michael. Lori Johnson asks for prayer for her friend, Alesia Pendleton. Anita & Charles Trumpler-Rich ask for prayer for their friend Angie Roberts who is hospitalized with COVID-19. Prayers for Larry Harris, who suffered a stroke, but is now in rehab. Jeff Patterson has COVID-19. Denise Kilgo Martin will be having foot surgery. Praise Report: Lisa Bunch's COVID-19

test was negative, but it did delay the mailing of the *Centenarian*. We hope you have received your copy by now.

If you have a prayer concern, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643 or call Kelley at the parsonage. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation or only with the pastoral staff.

Ad Council Meeting – There will be a meeting of the Administrative Council at 4:00 PM on Sunday, July 12. Kelley Groce will email council members a Zoom invitation earlier that day. If you need to join by phone, instead of computer, please let her know and she will give you the number to call. Contact Kelley at the parsonage if you have any questions.

July Mission Focus - We are focusing on food scarcity throughout the month of July. Please consider sending a donation, above and beyond your usual monthly pledge, to support Out of the Garden Project. You may make your check payable to Centenary UMC and put “Out of the Garden Project” on the memo line. You may do this in honor or in memory of a loved one and it will be recognized in the August *Centenarian*. Mail your check to Centenary UMC, 2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403.

Wednesday Prayer Group – Wednesdays from 5:00-5:30 PM join by phone or Zoom meeting to pray for our church and the world. Contact Kelley at 336-285-5081 or by email at kgroce@wnccumc.net, if you would like to participate.



Homemade Food – Delivered! Alex and Julie Hurin have been busy in the church kitchen with some new creations! They have been making and delivering Brunswick Stew, Chicken Tetrazzini, Chicken Pot Pie, Shepherd’s Pie, Cheesy Beefy Noodle Bake, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Chicken Penne Bake, Peach Dump Cake, Apple Crisp, Chocolate Brownies, and Peanut Butter Brownies with Chocolate

to members of the congregation and the community. Each delicious entrée is a suggested donation of \$6, baked desserts are \$4, and brownies are \$1.50. If you would like to have one delivered to your door, contact Alex at 336-457-0130 or email him at a2lman@aol.com

