



*Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship:

L: This is the fifth step on our Lenten journey, the step of sacrifice.

P: Be with us, Lord, as we take this step.

L: This requires the willingness to give all of your life to the Lord.

P: Be with us, Lord, as we commit our lives to you.

L: Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to God.

P: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God this day. AMEN.

L: Let us join our voices in prayer of Confession:

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to your healing mercy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

†Hymn

Observance of the Lenten Candle Cross

Frank Hinshaw and Suzy Swindell

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.

Anthem

Scripture:

John 12:20-33

Sermon:

Is Jesus in Plain sight?

Rev. Kelley Groce

†Gloria Patri

We Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

†Doxology

†Hymn

†Benediction: Irish Blessing

*May the road rise up to meet you.**May the wind be always at your back.**May the sunshine warm upon your face;**the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,**May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

†Postlude

†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) (Becky (Sillmon) husband, David's son-in-law).). Emmet, father, and Dawn, daughter-cancer, and Emmet's caregiver (Margaret Turnage neighbors). Pray for our church that we may be guarded in our conversations during this time of transition. JJ Hodge a is 23-year-old young man paralyzed from the neck down since age 16. He had an operation last week to possibly give him some function in right arm. His father is asking for prayers for success. (friends of Harold and Linda Billings). Kathy Swing. Carolyn Crabtree (Mike Crabtree's aunt). 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. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover. Anne Trumpler (Anita sister-in-law). Nick Nixon (friend of Suzy Swindell). Diane McClure (neighbor of Suzy Swindell). Richard Fisher (Anita Trumpler-Rich). Scott Goller (friend of the Groce family).

Announcements and Calendar of events

March Birthdays: 1st Jim Wilson. 3rd Frazier Robinson. 7th Estelle Cranford. 11th Rachel Shephard. 15th Pat Stevenson. 16th Kristina Kinard. 19th Harold Billings. 22nd Charles Sartore. 24th Doris Pruitt. 25th Andrew Snider. 29th Cindie Sillmon. 31st Caryn Hull.

February 20th-March 30th -Tuesdays 6pm Bible Study Centenary Tuesday's, "The Third Day, Living the Resurrection" by Tom Berlin. **February 21st-March 30th- Wednesdays, 6pm Bible Study- Newlyn Street** – will follow the Lectionary for the Easter Season. **All are welcome to either or both.**

Clothes Closet special requests: We need Men's pants and shirts ALL sizes, but especially 32, 34 & 36. Men's shirts. Men's shoes, especially athletic shoes. Men's belts 34, 36 & 38. Women's Small and Medium clothes. Women's Small and Medium 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, food items needed for this month are cans of Black Eye Peas, Pinto Beans, Great Northern Beans, Pork & Beans, and Green Peas. There is a basket for cash if you prefer.

Attendance – March 10, 2024

Sunday School	11	Worship – Facebook Live
Worship in-person	42	Worship – YouTube