



## Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403

July 4, 2021 11:00am

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.*

**Gathering Music**

*Patriotic Medley...arr. Keveren*

**Announcements for Missions and Ministry**

†Hymn

*America*

UMH 697 v. 1,2 &4

†Call to Worship

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past...Croft/Watts*

Leader: We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ.

**People: Members of God's family, and brothers and sisters to one another. There are no outsiders here among us.**

Leader: No one has any special standing or bragging rights.

**People: We have all been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus. Let us all join together in worship!**

†Opening Prayer



an opportunity beyond measure  
to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom.  
Here you continue to call your people,  
freed from the law and baptized into Christ Jesus,  
to be a sign of your reign in all the world.  
For such a place, such a vision  
and such a calling we give you thanks,  
praying we may ever join afresh the dreams you set before us  
as we join with your people in every land on earth  
and with all the company of heaven  
in your unceasing praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Above all we give you thanks  
for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who sends us into the world  
to declare the good news of your kingdom  
to every creature:  
Justice to all peoples,  
good news to the poor,  
release for prisoners,  
sight for the blind,  
and freedom for the oppressed.  
On the night before he was arrested and sentenced to death  
by the authorities of his own nation,  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples,  
and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you."  
When supper was over,  
he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Drink from this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the covenant  
poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins."  
And so we remember and proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

We pour ourselves out before you in praise and thanksgiving,  
a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us.  
So pour out your Spirit  
on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make Christ known to us in the breaking of this bread,

and the sharing of this cup.  
Renew our fellowship in him,  
that we may be for the world his body  
poured out for the world  
at this time in this nation,  
and at that great banquet in the fullness of your new creation  
where justice flows like rivers,  
righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,  
where none shall hunger or thirst,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

**By him, with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty God,  
now and ever. Amen.**

#### **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.**

#### **Breaking the Bread**

#### **Giving the Bread and Cup**

#### **Prayer following Communion**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant  
that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name  
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **†Hymn**

*God of the Ages*

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#### **Blessing and Benediction**

Leader: God of fireworks and good works, bless us this day as we go from this place. May our celebrations be  
joyous and memorable, and may our service to others reflect your love and peace.

**People: Amen.**

#### **Postlude**

*Battle Hymn of the Republic...Steffen/Howe, arr. Keveren*

†Please stand as you are able.

*\*\* Please silence all cell phones during the service. Thank you.*