



**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
April 9, 2023**

Easter Sunday

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

*Le jardin feerique Maurice Ravel

James Esterline &
Anita Trumpler-Rich, Piano
Russ Gaffney, Trumpet

*Psalm 19 Benedetto Marcello

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Call to Worship:

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Leader: Darkness has been vanquished!

People: THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!

Leader: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

People: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!!

All: Living God,

rejoicing in this day of resurrection,

we have come to celebrate

the strength of your love—

a love that triumphs even over death.

As we exult in the miracle of your incarnate love,

we thank you for the opportunity

to encounter the Risen Christ

here in our midst. Amen.

†Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

UMH 302

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 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 and ever. Amen

Anthem

Joy to the Heart

K. Lee Scott

Choir with Russ Gaffney

Scripture: Matthew 28: 1-10

Special Music Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Bach Russ Gaffney, Trumpet

Sermon: "Easter Reminders of Love" Rev. Kelley Groce

†Easter Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen. (From I Corinthians 15)

(New Patterns for Worship, and throughout Common Worship)

†Gloria Patri

†Hymn Up From the Grave UMH 322 (v 1&3)

We Worship God with His Tithes and our Offering

Offertory The Power of the Cross Getty/Townsend Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn He Lives UMH 310 (v 1&3)

†Blessing and Benediction

† Postlude Paques Jules Massenet James Esterline & Anita Trumpler-Rich, Piano

†Please stand as you are able and silence your cell phones.

The Easter Lilies are given today to the Glory of God in honor of my church family by Dawn Long.



As you engage your ‘Prayer Life’ this week, please remember these prayer concerns: If you have a prayer concern or praise, 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:

Gretchen Crabtree. Susan Shuping. Betty Pleasants. Dave Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lori Johnson, Scott Stanley and Anne Murr, cancer challenges. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Till West David Groce’s aunt). Andrew Gibbons (Harold Billings’ nephew) heart. Bruce Gillespie (Debbie Robinson’s friend) cancer and heart).

Announcements and Calendar of events



April Birthdays –Patrick Miller (3). Chuck Carrick (4). Benita McFarland (7) Marvin Baugh (8). Anne Murr (17). Barbara Blackman (23). George Cranford (24) Linda Billings, Nathan John (26). Linda Miller (27). Debra Schlueter (30).

Sunday School at 9:45am – in the Fellowship Hall. April 16th will start a 12-week study of the Disciples of Jesus. David Groce will lead the study on April 16th to start us off.

April 15th, Saturday – Community Breakfast and Clothing Closet. Volunteers are needed to help serve, cook, and pray with our guests.

Urgent Community Closet needs. New packaged underwear for men and women, all sizes. There is always an urgent need for these items monthly.

April 18th, Tuesday – 6pm – Pastor, Picnic and Passages in the Conference Room. Bring your picnic, we will discuss a current topic while using the resources of the scriptures and faith practices.

April 19th – 3pm – Rev. Kelley will be at the Friends Home Guilford for Worship and Communion.

April 20th- 6:30pm – Book Club will meet at Lucky 32.

Attendance – April 2, 2023

Sunday School -	15
Worship - in person	50
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