



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue,
Greensboro, NC

May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reverend Kelley Groce,
Pastor

Anita Trumpler-Rich,
Director of Music

Gathering Music *Sun of My Soul...Garrett Parker*

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship *Great is the Lord...Michael & Deborah Smith*

Choir

Call to worship:

Leader: We come together to praise God, who is the source of our life and our love.

People: We lift our voices in praise for God, who loves us always.

Leader: We come to celebrate and support families whose daily living embodies justice in their homes and communities.

People: We lift our voices in thanks for families who speak out against injustice and cruelty.

Leader: We come praying for families who struggle for fair treatment, who are without communities to care for them.

People: We lift our voices in sorrow for those who hurt because of the actions of others.

ALL: Let us worship, trusting in God's love and mercy. Praise be to God!

Invocation

†Hymn

Christ is Alive

UMH #318, v. 1,4 &5

Joys and concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them 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, For ever and ever. Amen.

Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing?...Robert Lowry

Choir

Scripture

Acts 9:36-43

Sermon

Tabitha the Disciple

Rev. Kelley Groce

*Response to the Word: **Litany in Honor of Women Here and Around the World**

One Voice: With holy reverence, we remember irreplaceable women, O God. We honor those who nurtured us and taught us to honor and love you, O God.

Many Voices: May their example of Christian faith help transform us into your image.

One Voice: We honor women who feed the hungry, clothe the unclothed, befriend the lonely, and comfort the comfortless. We bless them for unselfishly loving your people as you love us.

Many Voices: May you continue to meet their needs as they minister to others.

One Voice: We honor women grieving the loss of loved ones.

Many Voices: May you, O God, continue to comfort them with your Word, spoken and blessed. May we learn to encourage them as they have encouraged us.

One Voice: We honor women pregnant with your unborn sons and daughters, O God.

Many Voices: May You shelter them and the children they bear under the shadow of your almighty Presence.

One Voice: We honor our sisters throughout the world who need your spiritual, economic, and physical healing.

Many Voices: May you meet their needs, Holy One, according to your riches in glory, we pray.

One Voice: We honor all the women who have gone before us, named and unnamed.

Many Voices: We give you thanks, O God.

One Voice: We bless those who wept for us, rejoiced with us, wiped our tears, prayed for us, and laughed with us.

Many Voices: We give you thanks, O God.

One Voice: We bless those who undauntedly sacrificed for us.

Many Voices: We give you thanks, O God.

One Voice: We honor all those who stand alongside and for these women. We bless those who encourage them to dream, who bring out the best in them, who help them bear their burdens, and who love them rightly, O God.

All Voices: **May You watch over and keep all your people, these women and all who love them, with your care, gracious God. Consecrate this day for your glory. In the name of the Triune God, the one who parents us and creates us, who redeems us, and empowers us forever. Amen.**

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†Hymn *God Will Take Care of You* **UMH #130, v. 1&4**

We worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory *Take Our Bread...Joe Wise* **Choir**

†Doxology
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Service of Holy Communion: Thanksgiving and Communion **UMH# page 13**

†Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* **UMH #295, v. 1,2,&3**

†Benediction

†Postlude *Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him...Richard Blake*

Altar Flowers are given today To the Glory of God in memory of Betty's mother **Jo Lewis** by Betty and Mandy Durham, Jessica and Cheyenne Thomas.

Prayer Concerns

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.

Jackson David (Lori Johnson's grandson) baseball injury. **Barbara Wolfe**, a fall. **Barbara Grey (Teresa John's mother)** for health issues. **Danny Grey (Suzy Swindell's son-in-law's father)** lung cancer. **Margaret Turnage's sister-in-law, Gloria** for health concerns. **Sue Rosser (friend of Debbie Robinson)** has had 2 strokes. **Bill Johnson**, inoperable cancer. **Libby Boggs**, recovering at home from an unexpected visit to the hospital. **Margaret Miller's daughter, Pat**, for difficulties after a fall, and **her sister Dot in England for challenges.** **Gretchen Crabtree**, pacemaker. **Sheridian Wacker**, stage 2 breast cancer. **Susan Carrick**, AFib symptoms.

Dave Blackman. Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Anne Murr. Margaret Miller. Lori Johnson. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Irmgard Daiber. James Esterline.

We have received word of the Sunday, April 17, 2022 death of the Rev. Dr. Lewis Cliinton Gibbs of Asheville. He is survived by his wife, the Rev. Doris Walker "Dottie" Gibbs; children; Mark W. Gibbs (Janice) and John L. Gibbs (Lisa); Grandchildren: Hannah (Kipper), Sarah Jane (Stuart), Jack (Liz), Annie (Richard), Bailey, Luca, Marie-Chantal, and Emily; and special "son-in-law", Camillo Canclini; great-grandson, Walker; and brother, Joe Gibbs (Sammie).

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Amy Gibbs Canclini; and a brother, Danny Gibbs. A celebration of life service will be held in Pulliam Chapel at Givens Estates on Friday, April 22 at 3:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Resident Assistance Fund, Given Estates, 2360 Sweeten Creek Rd., Asheville, NC 28803; Covenant Community UMC, 11 Rocket Drive, Ashville, NC 28803; or the charity of your choice. Lewis' history of service is: 64 Union Grove=Olin; 66 Rhodhiss-Ebenezer; 68 Student; 71 Hickory: St John's; 73 Mt Olivet; 79 Asheville: Groce; 84 Charlotte: St Stephen; 87 Missionary tp Kenya; 89 Greensboro: Centenary; 93 Charlotte: Hickory Grove; 96 Asheville Dirtrict Superintendent; 01 Retired.



Birthdays for May – Jameson Stout (3), Coak May (5), Robb Stowe (8), Betty C. Chambers (10), Fred Wampler (12), Bianca York (24), Dylan Sillmon (25), Spencer Deuterman & Kathy Swing (27), Susan Roach (30)

Upcoming in May

- May 10th Friendship Club Meeting at noon in Fellowship Hall. We will take a break for the summer and resume in the fall.
- May 11th UMW meeting in the Fellowship Hall look for more information to follow in the bulletin.
- May 15th There will be a Worship Committee Meeting immediately following the worship service on in the Conference Room.
- May 16th There will be a meeting of the Missions/Outreach/Nurture Committee at 5:30 in the Conference Room.
- May 18th Please Kelley will be at Friends Home Guilford at 3:00pm for devotion and Communion.
- Saturday, May 21st , 2022 from 8:00-10:00 am is our Free Community Breakfast and Clothing Closet. We need you to come cook, serve, host, pray, and smile.
- May 25th American Red Cross Blood Drive in our Fellowship Hall from 2:00 to 6:30. If you can help register participants,(we need 2 volunteers per hour at the Blood Drive to help register people or gift cookies to those who need a snack afterwards, any time which you could gift would be appreciated.
- May 31st The office will be closed for Memorial Day.