



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27403

September 20, 2020

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor

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Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship *Jesus Calls Us*.....Alexander/Jude
Call to Worship (inspired by Luke 19:1-10)

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who came to seek and save the lost!

People: Let us worship the God who came to seek and save each of us!

Leader: Let us welcome God into our homes and our hearts.

**All: Let us give of ourselves in this worship time that we may know God.
Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God!**

posted on *Waiting for Water: Liturgy for The Easter Journey 2013*

<http://storage.cloversites.com/waitingforwater/documents/Liturgical%20resources%202013%2010%2018%2012.pdf>

Opening Prayer

Lord God of love and peace, open our hearts today to receive the invitation of Jesus to come and be present in our lives. Release us from our smallness and create an atmosphere of confession and healing love in our hearts and our spirits. For we ask these things in Jesus' name, AMEN.

Hymn *I Am Thine, O Lord* 419 UMH, verses 1 & 2

*I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.*

*(refrain) Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where thou hast died.*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To thy precious bleeding side.*

*Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine.*

(refrain)

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever Amen.

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offering

Offertory *God Will Take Care of You*..... Martin/Martin

Scripture Luke 19:1-10

Sermon "Reaching and Stretching Our Arms Around What Jesus Gives to Us" Rev. Kelley Groce

Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

**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 *Zaccheus Was a Wee Little Man*

*Zaccheus was a wee, little man,
And a wee, little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree,
For the Lod he wanted to see.
And as the Savior came that way,
He looked up in the tree.*

Spoken: *And he said, "Zaccheus, you come down from there,"
For I'm going to your house today.
For I'm going to your house today.*

Benediction

Do not be afraid to witness to the love of God through Jesus Christ. Go in peace, knowing that God's peace and love go with you. AMEN.

Choral Benediction *Take My Life, and Let It Be* ..Havergal/Herold/Kingsley

The Altar Flowers are given today by Jim Wilson in honor of Brenda Wilson's birthday on September 27.

If you would like to sign up for altar flowers, to be given in honor, in memory, or in celebration, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643.

The Prayer Chain has received requests to pray for the following people:

Mike Crabtree will have knee surgery on October 12. Please continue to pray for Judy Milligan, Noah Demmitt, Amy Coffee, and many others dealing with the challenges of our COVID times. Prayers for Don & Clara Ellis, Frank York, Chuck Farabee (still in the hospital), and Trudy Sillmon. Rachel Sheppard and Pat Stevenson are recovering from surgeries. Pray for Anita Trumpler-Rich's neighbor, Jennifer Gregory, who has cancer.

Susan Shuping asks for prayers for her voice. Harold & Linda Billings ask for prayers for their neighbor, Peter Rode, who has been hospitalized.

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.

Sermon By Phone – Centenary UMC is now recording the audio of the sermon only for playback by phone. Call 336-270-2202 and listen to the sermon.

**A Simple
Gesture**



Giving Above and Beyond! - We are a church dedicated to making an impact on food insecurity in our community. During the month of September, Centenary will collect monetary

donations for A Simple Gesture in honor or in memory of a loved one, and recognitions will be in the October *Centenarian*. Make your check payable to Centenary UMC and put "ASG" in the memo line.

Zoom Sunday School - Harold Billings and Dave Blackman are offering Sunday School lessons via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM. They are using the International Lesson. No book is required. Email Kelley at kgroce@wnccumc.net or call her at the parsonage, if you would like a Zoom invitation or the phone number to call in for Sunday School.



Book Discussion – *So You Want to Talk About Race*

The Churches which comprise the **Central Missional Network of the Northern Piedmont** want to unite in our fight against racism. Each year the network has a unifying event in the Fall to bring all the congregations together for education, worship, and service. This year we would like to invite the churches to come together on ***Sunday, September 27 from 2:00-4:00 PM to discuss the***

book: So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo. We are asking that you read the book before this date. You may purchase it from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or any online bookseller. We will be joined by Rev. Bev Copley, our Northern Piedmont District Superintendent. *Please let Kelley Groce know by Wednesday, September 24, if you plan to attend by Zoom.* This will be an important discussion.

2020 marks the 40th Anniversary of the **Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk** and CUMC will be participating again this year with a socially distant walk around the church on Sunday, October 11 at 2:00 PM. Please mark your calendar to walk with us, walk in your neighborhood, or sponsor someone to walk! The need is greater than ever this year. This year's theme is "Believe There is Good in the World." Betty Durham will be taking orders for the t-shirts. They are \$6 each and she will collect the money at the church on October 11. If you would like to order a t-shirt, be a walker on the team, be a cheerleader, or man the water station contact, Betty Durham at 336-542-8077 or Betty.Durham50@yahoo.com

