



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

**March 6, 2022      11:00 AM**

**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.*

†Please stand as you are able.

**Gathering Music**

*Christ, the Bread...James Southbridge*

**Announcements for Missions and Ministry**

**Choral Call to Worship**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus...Clephane*

**Choir**

**Call to worship:**

**Ashes have been smeared and sins have been confessed...**

We follow our faithful Lord.

**These times, they are troubling. This journey, it is hard...**

We follow our faithful Lord.

**It is God who sustains, not the temptations of this world...**

We follow our faithful Lord.

**In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm...**

We follow our faithful Lord.

**Come, let us worship the One whom we serve...**

We follow our faithful Lord.

~ written by Stephen Fearing, and posted on **Wild and Precious Life**. <http://www.stephenmfearing.com/>

## Opening Prayer

Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days* **UMH #269 v. 1,2,3**

Observance of Lenten Cross **Debra Schlueter and Margaret Turnage**

Anthem *Glory in the Cross...Schutte* **Choir**

Scripture **Luke 4: 1-13**

Sermon **The Journey into the Wilderness**

Response to the Word **Traditional Version** **Apostle's Creed** **UMH #881**

**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 *Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days* **UMH #269 v. 4&5**

## Joys and Concerns of Congregation

### Pastoral Prayer

**Invitation:** Minister: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### Call to Confession:

Minister: We know what it is like to be rejected, but we also remember turning our backs on others. We have experienced conflict, as well as caused pain to others. Let us confess to the One who seeks to forgive us on this day, and every day.

### Litany OF CONFESSION:

**Minister:** We come before our God, who is full of compassion,  
to ask forgiveness and mercy.

When in our excesses we consume more than our share  
while others go with basic needs unmet:

**People: Forgive us, merciful God.**

**Minister:** When we are blinded by our affluence

and fail to reach out in care and concern:

**All: Forgive us, merciful God.**

**Minister:** When we are overwhelmed by desires to acquire

and consume more than we need:

**All: Forgive us, merciful God.**

**Minister:** When possessions cloud our view of you

and your gracious love:

**All: Forgive us, merciful God.**

— from *Lenten Prayer Service: The Spirit of Almsgiving*, posted on the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg website. <http://dioogdensburg.org/Lent/>

**We worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings**

**Offertory**

*Let Us be Bread...Porter*

**Choir**

**†DOXOLOGY**

**UMH #95**

*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.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Minister:**

Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God.

Blessed are you, O God, who with your Word and Holy Spirit created all things and called them good.

In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Through Jesus' suffering and death

you took upon yourself our sin and death

and destroyed their power forever.

You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory,

and poured upon us your Holy Spirit,

making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting with death

Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,

gave it to the disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts,  
that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine  
we may know the presence of the living Christ  
and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world,  
redeemed by Christ's blood,  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast at your table for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**All: 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. 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.**

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

#### **Prayer Following Communion:**

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened,  
we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live  
by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.

#### **Hymn**

*Jesus Calls us*

**UMH #398 v. 1&5**

#### **Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

*Postlude on St. Denio...Robert Graham*

**The flowers for today's service are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Kelley Groce's dad (Granddada)  
and David Groce's sister Amy and all the March Birthdays.**



**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.

**Marvin Booker (Jennifer Slaine's former boss)** fell on ice and has a brain bleed. **Glenn Frazier (friend of Libby Boggs)** terminal cancer. **Rev. Mark Norman Vickers**, in the hospital. **Lenora Reece**, back pain. **Cindy Friedburg (friend of Betty Durham's)** cancer. **Irmgard Daiber**, for cancer treatment. **Darryl**, (cousin of Mary Ann Smith) for esophageal and spine cancer. **Gretchen Crabtree**, blood pressure issues. **Sheridian Wacker**, stage 2 breast cancer. Keep Sheridian in your prayers as she undergoes treatment. **Susan Carrick**, AFib symptoms. **Dave Blackman**. **Jane Norman**, is at home now recovering. **Scott Stanley**. **Anne Murr**, prayers for her treatments. **Margaret Miller** health issues. **Lori Johnson**. **Trudy Sillmon**. **Don & Clara Ellis**. **Aly Saunders**.

**Sympathy and prayer for the family of Grant Brown who passed away with covid.**

**Sympathy to the family of Rev. Jim Raines (former associate pastor of Centenary 1986-1989) who passed away on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.**

#### **Announcements**

Starting on Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>- April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am for Sunday School our classes we will be studying the book "24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton. The teachers will be David Groce on March 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> and Nina Stowe on March 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Adam Hamilton guides us, step by step, through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life in his popular, heartbreaking, and inspiring book. No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. Come and join us.

Bible Study Opportunity Lent: Witness at the Cross –our first meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. If you would like a book for \$14.00, please let Rev. Groce know. It will be in person and those who want to join by Zoom may.

Friendship Club will meet Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at noon. We will have the boxed Sandwich meal from Jason's Deli for 7 dollars and our program guest will be Jon Sundell. Accompanying himself on a variety of stringed instruments or singing acapella, he weaves together folk songs from the Southern Mountains and beyond with multicultural folk tales of all genres. Fun for all. Please call the church office at 336-299-9643 to make your reservation by Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> by noon.

UMW will meet Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the conference room. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. Any questions call Debra Schlueter at 336-707-4213.

On Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm we will have a meeting with Missions/Outreach/Nurture Committees in the conference room.

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Meeting at 2:00pm in the conference room

