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**And he who sat upon the throne said,
"Behold, I make all things new." Also he said,
"Write this, for these words are trustworthy
and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I
am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning
and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the
fountain of the water of life without
payment."**

Revelation 21:5-6

Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27403

July 19, 2020

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor

Anita Trumpler-Rich, Director of Music

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Edward Caswall

Call to Worship

Leader: In the midst of strife, God is with us!

People: Come, O Lord, and pour your word into our hearts.

Leader: In the anguish and grief of everyday living, God is with us!

People: Hear our cries, O Lord, and quiet our spirits!

Leader: Come, let us open our hearts and spirits to the Lord.

People: We come, with confidence and hope in the presence of God. AMEN

Leader: Let us pray together:

Speak to us, Giver of Life, and make us new.

We thirst for the waters of eternal life,

we yearn to know ourselves as Resurrection People.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us this day,

and create in us your new heaven and new earth.

Speak to us words of comfort and hope,

words of challenge and courage.

Come: move among us, we pray.

~ from *Making All Things New: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday of Easter*, written by the Rev. Mary Nelson Abbott. Posted on the United Church of Christ's **Worship Ways**

Archive. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

Hymn *Christ is the World's Light*

188 UMH, verses 1 & 4

Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;

Born in our darkness, he became our brother.

If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:

Glory to God on high!

Give God the glory, God and none other;

Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;

Give God the glory, God with us, my brother:

Glory to God on high!

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 Amen.

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory *I've Got Peace Like a River* African American spiritual

Scripture Revelation 14:12, Revelation 22:1-2, 5

Sermon "The Book of Revelation: Hope for Today and Eternity"

Rev. Kelley Groce

Reflective Litany

Hymn *O Word of God Incarnate* 598 UMH, verses 1 & 2

*O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.*

*The church from you, our Savior, received the gift divine,
And still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the sacred vessel where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heaven-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.*

Benediction

Choral Benediction *You Are Mine* David Haas

Altar Flowers: The flowers are given today in honor and in memory of Anita Trumpler-Rich's mother, Jean Parker Trumpler, whose birthday was July 19. Also, in celebration of Bill & Celia Eller's 65th wedding anniversary on July 23.

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 following dates are available: August 9, 23, and 30; September 13, 20, & 27; October 4 & 25.

Because we are currently not using a florist, and are not spending as much on flowers, we ask that you donate to the church in any amount.

Our Sympathy to the following families: Marty and Kimberly Ganoë, and Ashley Hermon are dealing with grief. Also, prayers of sympathy to our UMAR friend, Eric, whose mother died. If you would like to send a card to Eric, please send it to the church address: Centenary UMC, Attn: UMAR – Eric, 2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403 and we will deliver them to Eric.

The Prayer Chain has received requests to pray for the following people: Chuck Carrick is recovering from a dog bite. Mandy Durham is having blood pressure issues. Stevie Rice asks for prayer as he recovers from open heart surgery. Prayers for Jean Farabee. She fell and broke her arm. Keep Albert Esterline, Joann Martin, Abbie Samuel, Jean Brincefield, Charles Gordon, Dot Frye, Robert Hemphill, Frank York, Trudy Sillmon, Sally Goin, and Bianca York's mother, Rachel Flores, in your prayers. Pray for Barbara Grey, Teresa John's mom, as she transitions to new living arrangements. Pat Stevenson will have surgery August 5. Prayers for Sherri Nebe, Juli Hurin's cousin, who had surgery on July 2 for cancer. Lori Johnson asks for prayer for her friend, Alesia Pendleton. Anita & Charles Trumpler-Rich ask for prayer for their friend Angie Roberts who has COVID-19. She was released from the hospital and continues to recuperate at home.

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.

Tithes & Offerings to the Church – Many thanks to all who have remained faithful in giving their tithes and offerings to the church during this difficult time. You may

mail your check to the church office: Centenary UMC, 2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403. You may also give through your bank's online bill pay option. Consult your bank for directions. Or, you may give online through our SubSplash platform using a credit or debit card. Follow the directions on the Centenary UMC website under [Tithes & Offerings](#)

July Mission Focus - We are focusing on food scarcity throughout the month of July. Please consider sending a donation, above and beyond your usual monthly pledge, to support Out of the Garden Project. You may make your check payable to Centenary UMC and put "Out of the Garden Project" on the memo line. You may do this in honor or in memory of a loved one and it will be recognized in the August *Centenarian*. Mail your check to Centenary UMC, 2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403.



Wednesday Prayer Group – Wednesdays from 5:00-5:30 PM join by phone or Zoom meeting to pray for our church and the world. Contact Kelley at 336-285-5081 or by email at kgroce@wnccumc.net, if you would like to participate.

Homemade Food – Delivered! Alex and Julie Hurin have been busy in the church kitchen with some new creations! They have been making and delivering Brunswick Stew, Chicken Tetrazzini, Chicken Pot Pie, Shepherd's Pie, Cheesy Beefy Noodle Bake, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Chicken Penne Bake, Peach Dump Cake, Apple Crisp, Chocolate Brownies, and Peanut Butter Brownies with Chocolate to members of the congregation and the community. Each delicious entrée is a suggested donation of \$6, baked desserts are \$4, and brownies are \$1.50. If you would like to have one delivered to your door, contact Alex at 336-457-0130 or email him at a2lman@aol.com

Upper Room – If you would like a copy of the July/August Upper Room, please notify the church office at 336-299-9643. We need your name, address, phone number, and indicate whether you would like a regular or large print Upper Room. It will be mailed to you.

