

Centenary United Methodist Church 2300 W. Friendly Ave. Greensboro, NC 27403 April 6, 2023

Maundy Thursday

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	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	Thomas and Katie Graham Cello and Violin
Welcome		
†Hymn	What Wondrous Love is This	UMH 292
Opening Prayer		
Scripture: John 1	3: 1-17, 31-35	
Words of Reflection	on	
Anthem		
Scripture: 1 Corin	thians 11: 23-26	
Words of Reflection	on	
†Hymn	In Remembrance of Me	(on the back cover)

Praise & Confession

Lord Jesus, We are stunned at Your passion and Your commitment toward us. You did not run from the darkness, You did not hide from Your accusers, You did not fade into safe obscurity. You stepped with determination into the darkness, Willingly giving Yourself to whip and fist, to wood and nails. We praise You, Gracious Lord, for what You were prepared to endure to reconcile us with God. We praise You, Gracious Lord, for Your words of forgiveness, and the invitation to paradise. Forgive us that allow ourselves to become too familiar with this story. That we take Your suffering too lightly, and receive Your grace too cheaply. As we watch with You, while the darkness encroaches, Let us remember what this journey means, and count again the cost of love. Amen.

Communion:

Leader: When the time arrived for Jesus to be lifted up;

When all had been prepared, and He shared His last meal with His friends,

The Lord, took the loaf, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples.

People: When you eat the bread, remember Me. This is my body broken for you. When the meal was finished,

The Lord took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to the disciples.

When you drink the wine, remember Me. This is my blood shed for you.

Now, as we gather at this table, we eat bread; we drink wine; and we remember the One Who died to bring us life.

And we will keep sharing this meal until He returns. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn

Were You There

UMH 288 (v 1-3)

Handwashing Ceremony

Giving of The Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion.

Lord, we thank you that in your passion you offer forgiveness and invite us to be with you where hunger is no more and death has no dominion: may the broken bread of life fracture our stony hearts for the sake of another world. Amen.

†Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

UMH 288

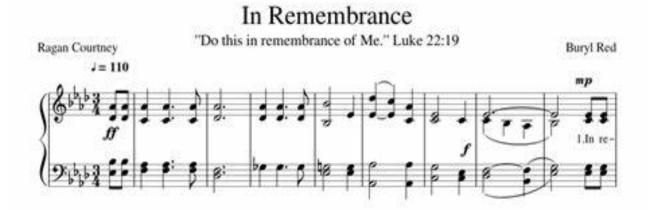
Stripping of the Altar

Leave in Silence

The end of the service is signified by the illumination of the draped cross. Please remain seated in silence until the lights are turned back on to facilitate leaving. Silence is observed throughout the sanctuary from this time forward. Each person is encouraged to pray and meditate as long as he or she desires, then to depart in silence.

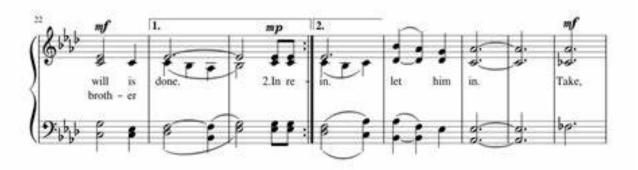
†Please stand as you are able and silence your cell phones.

"We extend a big welcome and our thanks to Thomas and Katie Graham for their beautiful music in this evening's worship!"









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