



**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
March 12, 2023**

Third Sunday of Lent

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 Sun of my Soul

Garrett Parker

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

In The Cross of Christ I Glory

Choir

Call to worship: Prayer of Confession for Lent

Forgiving Lord,

we have fallen short time and time again.

You have given us your word, both in scripture and in Son,

you have promised us your presence, both in Spirit and in community,

and you have graced us with your kingdom, both in teaching and in service.

Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject your purposes for us.

We do not love what you love.

We do not embrace what you embrace.

We do not defend what you have called us to defend.

Have mercy on us, O God of all ages past and all hope for years to come.

Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do.

And with your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives

that we might receive full life in Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. Amen.

Hymn:

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

Lenten Wreath Reading and Extinguishing of Candle

Bob & Mary Ann Smith

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Spirit Song

Choir

Scripture:

1 Peter 3:18

Sermon Series: The Characters of Easter; The Rogue, Barabbus

Rev. Kelley Groce

†Lenten Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Creator,

who made me and all things,

who set me on my path in this world.

I believe in God the Savior,

who is one with the Creator,

who rescued me and all creation

**from the depredations of our violations
against God and creation.**

**This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ,
walked a path through this world,
taking on human form having been born of a woman
through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

He lived and worked in this world among people just like me.

**He walked God’s path to death on a cross,
and rose from the dead to open our pathway to eternal life.**

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit, my counselor and guide,
who is one with the Creator and the Christ,
who through the body and blood of Jesus
brings me into communion with all people, past, present and future;
who calls me to walk a sacred way of life through this world,
caring for creation and the people I meet on the way,
loving them, helping them, welcoming them without prejudice,
being God’s hands and feet in the world.**

— written by Lisa Frenz, and posted on [Lisa’s Liturgies](#).

†Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross UMH 298 (v 1&4)

We Worship with God’s Tithes and our Offering.

Offertory As the Deer Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go UMH 480 (v 1&4)

†Benediction

†Postlude The Call to Serve Todd Kendall

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



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.

Prayer Requests: Andreas Daiber. Gretchen Crabtree. Susan Shuping. Betty Pleasants. Dave Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lori Johnson. Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane, Jim & Scott Stanley. Anne Murr. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Rachel Dykes. Till West (David Groce's aunt). Rob Barnard (Larry Swindell's nephew). Sharon (Larry Swindell's sister).

Announcements and Calendar of events



March Birthdays – Jim Wilson (1). Chrissy Verchick (2). Frazier Robinson (3) Estelle Cranford (7). Dottie Rayburn (10). Rachel Sheppard (11). Pat Stevenson, Alan Rayburn 15). Kristina Kinard (16). Harold Billings (19). Charlie Sartore (22) Doris Pruitt (24). Andrew Snider (25). Cindie Sillmon (29). Caryn Hull, Michael Townsend (31).

Ad Council – Today - March 12th in the Conference Room.

March 13th-6:30 – “The Passion Play” Bible Study in the Conference Room.

March 14th – 12pm – Friendship Club. All are welcome!

March 15th – 3pm – Rev. Kelley will be at Friends Home, Guilford for Devotion and Communion.

March 16th – 6:30pm, Lucky 32, Centenary Starlight Book Club. Book: “The Measure” by Nikki Brick. All are welcome.

March 19th St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Chili Lunch and Program from Barbara Danais and Barbara Albright after worship. All are invited!

March 22nd – 5:30pm Worship/Nurture/Mission Committee Meeting in Conference Room.

Sunday School at 9:45am – in the Fellowship Hall. Study: Season 3 of “The Chosen”.

Undie Sunday. The first Sunday of each month. Needed black and white socks for men and women. New packaged underwear for men and women, all sizes.

Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign continues. If you would like to contribute to the cause- please gift to **Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign and designate as such.**

The Altar Flower Calendar is posted. There are dates still available. The cost is \$65.00/Sunday if we order from the florist. If you are interested in a less expensive option, please call the church office (336-299-9643).

Attendance - March 5, 2023

Worship 42

FaceBook Live 63

YouTube 6

It can be watched on our website, but those numbers are not available.