



# Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403

Trinity Sunday-Memorial Day

May 30, 2021      11:00 AM

**Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor**      **Anita Trumpler-Rich, Director of Music**

Prelude

*Patriotic Medley*

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral call to Worship

*You Are My All in All*

Prayer for our Nation on this Memorial Day

Leader: Almighty God, giver of all good things: we thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

**People: Heal us.**

Leader: We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

**People: Forgive us.**

Leader: We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

**People: Inspire us.**

Leader: We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

**People: Enlighten us.**

Leader: We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

**People: Renew us.**

Leader: Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name.

**People: Amen.**

Hymn

*O God of Every Nation*

UMH 435 v.1&4

1. O God of every nation, of every race and land,  
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;  
where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,  
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.
  
4. Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,  
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,  
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,  
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

Joys and Concerns

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, and the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.**

Anthem

*They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love*

We Worship with our Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory

Gymnopedie No. 1...Erik Satie

Hymn

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

UMH 64 v. 1&2

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Scripture: John 3: 1-17

Sermon

God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity

Rev. Kelley Groce

### **Affirmation of Faith**

(based on Titus 2:11-15; 3:1-8)

The grace of God has dawned upon us with healing for all the world, and so we rejoice to declare our faith in him:

**We believe in God the Father,  
who has revealed his love  
and kindness to us,  
and in his mercy saved us,  
not for any good deed of our own.  
but because he is merciful.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who gave himself up for us  
to free us from our sin,  
and set us apart for himself -  
a people eager to do good.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
whom God poured out on us generously  
through Christ our Savior,  
so that justified by grace  
we might become heirs  
with the hope of eternal life. Amen.**

— written by Michael Perry, and posted on **The Jubilate Group** website

Hymn

*Here I Am, Lord*

UMH 593 v. 1&3

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom Shall I send?

(Refrain)

Blessing Benediction

God, who created you in the divine image, sends you forth:

**we go,  
to reflect the presence of our Creator  
to everyone we meet.**

Jesus, who has redeemed you,  
has established the reign of God in our midst:

**we go,  
to bring healing to the broken of the world.**

The Holy Spirit, who calls you to be God's people,  
goes with you to many places:

**We go,  
to tear down the walls that divide us,  
and to build lives of hope for all of God's children.**

And now, may the peace of the rolling waves,  
the peace of the silent mountains,  
the peace of the singing stars,  
and the deep, deep peace of the Prince of Peace,  
be with you now and forever. Amen.

— written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his [Lectionary Liturgies](#) blog.

Choral Benediction                      *Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*

Postlude                                      *Menuet...J. S. Bach*

**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. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.

**Ann Murr**, challenging health concerns. **Jennifer Slaine**, surgery in June. **Dot Frye**. **Jeane Batten**. **Becki, needs special prayers diagnosed with lung cancer**. **Louise Woods**, Carolina Pines is now allowing visitors, Louise is in room 225 and would love to have visits. **Lori Johnson**, prayers for upcoming medical test. **Bobby Burkin**, is at home now and will be following up with his medical doctor. **Bianca York**, upcoming surgery this month. **Doris Pruitt**, who has had some health issues at home. **Linda and Dan Rozelle**, wish to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, and calls during Linda's recent illness. She is stronger every day, Blessings to all. **Nina Stowe, co-worker's son, Malachi**, 9 months old with leukemia. . **Trudy Sillmon**, at home recovering from a fall and broken bones. **Keith Eller**, moved to Guilford Health Care Center for Rehab. **Kristy Carpenter, Betty and John Durham's cousin**, cancer. **Abbie Samuel**, recovering from her second detached retina surgery. **Scott Stanley**, cellulitis. **Carrie Hodgin, friend of Dona Pickett**, going through some serious health issues. **Susan Carrick** with health issues. **Nancy Carrick** upcoming medical tests. **Corey Marion**, esophageal cancer. **Edna Johnson**. **Don & Clara Ellis**. **Rachel Sheppard**. **Aly Saunders**. **Judy Milligan**.



**Birthdays -May** Susan Roach (30) **June Birthdays-** Lindy Hutchison (3), Jean Brincefield & Suzy Swindell (5), Phoebe Swing (8), Becki Bettini (10), Jim Singleton (11), Betty Pleasants (12), Duilla Harkins (16), Andreas Daiber (17), Kelley Groce (23), Lenora Reece (24), Jean Farabee (27), Diane Stanley (28), Aaron Snider (29)