

Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue Greensboro, NC 27403

October 18, 2020

Laity Sunday

11:00AM Service

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

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship *Sweet Hour of Prayer*.....496 v.1

Call to Worship:

Leader: In the midst of our failures,

People: We stand in God's grace.

Leader: In the midst of our struggles,

People: We boast in our hope through Christ.

Leader: In the midst of our suffering,

People: We claim the endurance given by the Holy Spirit.

Leader: In every part of our lives,

People: The love of our Divine Creator has been poured into our hearts.

Let us be open to this love as we join together in worship.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn: To God Be the Glory.....98 v. 1&3

*To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and
opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

(Refrain)

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the
Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the father thru
Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son, but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

(Refrain)

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

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offering –

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory: *Thy Word Is a Lamp*.....601. v. 1

Scripture: Ephesians 2:19-22

Sermon: Laity and the Church

Chris Bagwell, Lay Leader of Centenary UMC

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

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: *Hymn of Promise*.....707 v. 1&2

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Benediction

Choral Benediction: *Send forth by God's Blessing*.....664 v. 1

Send forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive soles reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for god's kingdom and answer the call.

The Altar Flowers are given today by Barbara Albright in memory of Doris Rousseaux.

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 still available in 2020: October 25, November 1, 8, & 22, and December 27.

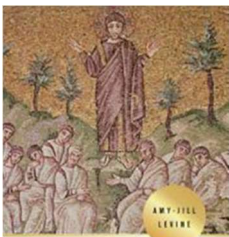
Our Sympathy to the family of Kathy Burkhart, one of our UMAR friends, who died on Thursday, October 1 at Lake Norman Medical Center.

The Prayer Chain has received requests to pray for the following people:

Margaret & Patrick Miller - Margaret will be moving into Whittier Center at Friends Homes Guilford. Mike Crabtree will have knee surgery on October 12. Please continue to pray for Judy Milligan, Noah Demmitt, Amy Coffee, Don & Clara Ellis, Frank York, Chuck Farabee, Trudy Sillmon, Rachel Sheppard, and Pat Stevenson. Keep everyone affected by the hurricanes and wildfires in your prayers.

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.

New Bible Study – *Sermon on the Mount* by Amy Jill Levine



When: Monday Mornings @ 11:00 AM and Monday Evenings @ 6:30 PM

Dates: November 2-December 7 (6 weeks)

Where: TBD - either in person or via zoom, or both, depending upon how things are at that date.

The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, contains some of Jesus' most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples, and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel of Matthew, and how do they speak

across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?

In *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine introduces the major topics in the Sermon on the Mount, explains historical and theological contexts, and shows how the words of Jesus echo his Jewish tradition and speak forward to reach hearts and minds today.

You may order *Sermon on the Mount* from Amazon, Cokesbury, or Christianbooks.org. We will discuss the first lesson on the first gathering, November 2. Have your book and Bible. Please contact Rev. Kelley Groce at 336-299-9643 or kgroce@wnccumc.net and let her know if you plan to participate.

The Pumpkin Patch is now open! This fundraiser will support the Boy Scouts and Centenary UMC. Please spread the word and tell your friends and neighbors. Pumpkins and gourds of all shapes, sizes and colors are available. If you would like to volunteer to sell pumpkins, contact Alex Hurin at 336-457-0130 or email him at a2lman@aol.com. The Pumpkin Patch runs October 10-31.



Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM—8:00 PM Monday-Saturday
12:00—8:00 PM Sunday

Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 8 at 4:00 PM.

Zoom Sunday School - Harold Billings and Dave Blackman are offering Sunday School lessons via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM. They are using the International Lesson. No book is required. Email Kelley at kgroce@wnccumc.net or call her at the parsonage, if you would like a Zoom invitation or the phone number to call in for Sunday School.