



Centenary United Methodist Church

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Greensboro, NC

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Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship *When We All Get to Heaven* 701 UMH verse 1

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus; sing his mercy and his grace.

In the mansions bright and blessed he'll prepare for us a place.

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!

When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

Call to Worship

Leader: Trust in the Lord at all times, O People;

People: God is a refuge for us. God is our rock and our salvation; we shall not be shaken.

Leader: God is good and in God's work we find our strength.

People: We sing of all God's wonderful works! We give thanks and praise to the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Father of us all, Mother of each one, thank you for your love for us from the beginning of time. You formed us when we were in our mother's wombs, you knit us together lovingly, your devotion to us has not failed, your care has followed us our whole life long. All we are and all we have, we owe to you, and so on this, the Lord's Day, in this house devoted to your glory, we give honor to you with our hearts and hands and voices. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* 89 UMH verses 1 & 2

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, full us with the light of day!*

*All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Holy One, we come together this day celebrating the role that mothers have played in our lives. We thank you for the present love and the memories of our mothers and grandmothers. Open our hearts continually to your love through others. Keep us mindful of those for whom this is a difficult day. Help us to reach out to them. Jesus reminded his disciples that they always have a place in his heart and that there is a special place for them in God's realm. We pray this also including the prayer which Jesus taught his disciples:

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 and ever. Amen.

We Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings - In honor of all Mothers, and women who inspire and care for us, the Worship Committee is making a donation to UMAR. Mother's Day memorial and honorarium gifts may be sent to the church office and will be listed in the June issue of the *Centenarian*.

Offertory *My Jesus, I Love Thee* 172 UMH verse 1

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;

For thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou.

If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Prayer of Dedication for Offering

Lord, we thank you for the many gifts you have poured into our lives for those who love us and nurture us; for those who teach us to be loving people. Bless those people and bless these gifts that we may work for you, bringing healing and hope to our fractured world. AMEN.

Scripture John 13:31-35; 14:1-14

Sermon "Love and Peace" Rev. Kelley Groce

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed (Traditional version)

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 *Happy the Home When God Is There* 445 UMH verses 2 & 4

*Happy the home where Jesus' name is sweet to every ear;
Where children early speak his fame, and parents hold him dear.*

*Lord, let us in our homes agree this blessed peace to gain;
Unite our hearts in love to thee, and love to all will reign.*

Benediction

Choral Benediction *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* 557 UMH verse 1

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

Our Condolences to Mike Crabtree on the deaths of three uncles in the past 10 weeks.

Prayer Concerns We Have Received: Sally Goin is undergoing a new chemotherapy treatment. David Lucas' mother, Sue Lucas, has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will be having surgery this coming week.

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 can 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](#)

Bible Study – Tuesdays at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM using Zoom to meet together virtually, until such time that we may meet together at the church. Send an email to kgroce@wnccumc.net to receive an email invitation to Zoom. You may also listen in by phone. Contact the church if you would like to participate 336-299-9643. You may purchase the book [Interpretation Bible Studies: Psalms](#) through ChristianBooks.com or follow along in your Bible. We hope that many of you will join us to gain courage, strength, and inspiration from the Psalms.

Family Directory – The May issue of the *Centenarian* contained a new Family Directory of members and members inactive for Centenary UMC. If you have corrections to your family's information, please contact Lisa Bunch at Lisa@CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org or call the church office at 336-299-9643 and leave a voicemail in the general mailbox.