



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue Greensboro, NC 27403

August 23, 2020

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor

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Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship *I Love to Tell the Story*..... Hankey/Fischer

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who come seeking God's wisdom and looking to Jesus who alone can give a right perspective for life.

People: For he has revealed a vision of a new reality and opened to us a new way of seeing.

Leader: Happy are those who look from Jesus' viewpoint, a total reversal from the viewpoint of the world.

People: We will look where he points, and we will trust in him who gives us sightings of God's realm of simplicity, hope, and compassion.

All: Let us worship God whose grace draws us here and who enlightens our eyes.

Invocation

**Lord, open us to all that you would have us be, for you and for others.
'Breakthrough' into our lives and our church with new possibilities. Amen**

Hymn Trust and Obey 467 UMH verses 1 & 4

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.*

*(refrain) Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

*Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do, where sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey*

(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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever Amen.**

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offering

Offertory *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Featherstone/Gordon

Scripture Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon "Reaching and Stretching our Arms around the Hunger for Righteousness"

Rev. Kelley Groce

Closing Litany: We will Follow

*"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take
up your cross, and follow me." Matthew 16:24*

Jesus says to his disciples:

Happy are you needy ones: The kingdom of God is yours.

Happy are you who are hungry: You will be satisfied.

Happy are you who weep now: You will be filled with laughter.

Rejected, insulted, happy are you; Be glad and dance with joy.

Jesus said: Take up your cross.

**We will follow you, O Christ,
into the needs of the world,
into the truth of our lives,
into the pain of our hearts,
into the presence of God. Amen.**

~ written by Brian Woodcock. Posted on [Patmos Abbey—The Order of Saint Columba](#).

Hymn

Jesus is All the World to Me

469 UMH verses 1 & 4

*Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;
He is my strength from day to day, without him I would fall.
When I am sad, to him I go, no other one can cheer me so;
When I am sad, he makes me glad, he's my friend.*

*Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend;
I trust him now, I'll trust him when life's fleeting days shall end.
Beautiful life with such a friends, beautiful life that has no end;
Eternal life, eternal joy, he's my friend.*

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Abide with Me Lyte/Monk

The altar flowers are given today by Dona Pickett in honor of her daughter, Sarah Pickett, on her birthday August 17.

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.

Our Sympathy and Prayers to the family of Jeff Sasser, who died on Thursday, August 20. We extend our condolences to his friend David Groce and his colleagues at Northwest Middle School on the death of this wonderful teacher.

The Prayer Chain has received requests to pray for the following people: Judy Milligan, Noah Demmitt, Amy Coffee, and many others dealing with the challenges of our COVID times. Jean Farabee, who fell and broke her arm, and her son, Chuck Farabee, who is in the hospital. Rachel Sheppard is recovering from knee surgery. Bianca York's infant nephew, Ezra James Lacy, has an irregular heartbeat. Prayers for Albert Esterline, Frank York, and Trudy Sillmon. Also, prayers for Pat Gunn, a friend of Margaret Turnage, is back in the hospital. Pray for Betty Durham's friend, Amy Johnson. Jackie Thompson's cousin, Kay, suffered a stroke.

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.

Sermon By Phone – Centenary UMC is now recording the audio of the sermon only for playback by phone call. So, for those in our congregation that do not have the capability to watch our YouTube videos of the entire worship service, they may now call 336-270-2202 and listen to the sermon.



Drive-Thru Ice Cream Social - Join us on Sunday, August 23 for a Drive-Thru Ice Cream Social in the church parking lot from 2:00-4:00 PM. All participants are asked to remain in their vehicles and wear their masks when being served wrapped ice cream treats at the church portico. All servers will be wearing masks and gloves, and maintain as much social distance as possible. If you have donations of canned food or men's athletic socks for Greensboro Urban

Ministry, please put them in your trunk and volunteers will retrieve them from you as you go through the line.

UMW - The Northern Piedmont District Annual Celebration will be held via Zoom on Saturday, August 29 at 3:00 PM.

Go to <https://wnccumw.org/districtcelebrations/> to register.

WNCC UMW Annual Celebration will be held via Zoom Webinar on September 26 & 27. The theme for this year's celebration is *Walk in God's Light*. Registration will begin on September 1 for this webinar. Go to <https://wnccumw.org/events/annual-celebration-2020/> for more information.

Giving Above and Beyond! - During the month of August, Centenary will collect monetary donations for Backpack Beginnings in honor or in memory of a loved one, and recognitions will be in the September *Centenarian*. Make your check payable to Centenary UMC and put "BPB" in the memo line.



End Racism Now – Yard Signs are available for purchase at the church for \$8 each. We have a limited number available, but we can order more. If you would like one, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643 to arrange pick-up or delivery.



Meals Delivered – Thanks to the hard work of Alex & Juli Hurin, and several others, meals of Chicken Pot Pie, Shepherd's Pie, Chicken 'n Dumplings*, Cheesy Beefy Noodle Bake, Chicken Penne Bake, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Chicken Stroganoff, Chicken Tetrazzini, Quarts of Brunswick Stew, Peach Dump Cake, Apple Crisp, delicious Brownies, and Peanut Butter with Chocolate Brownies have been delivered to our congregants at Friends Homes West, Friends Homes Guilford, Well Spring, UMAR residencies, and at individuals homes. If you would like a meal delivered, contact Alex Hurin at 336-457-0130. Entrees are a suggested donation of \$6 each, \$5 for Chicken 'n Dumplings* \$4 for Peach Dump Cake or Apple Crisp, and \$1.50 for Brownies. *NEW!