



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue
Greensboro, NC 27403

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Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship *Blessed Assurance* Crosby/Knapp

Call to Worship

O LORD, you have searched us, and you know us. You know when we sit and when we rise; you perceive our thoughts from afar. You discern our going out and our lying down; you are familiar with all our ways. Before a word is on our tongues you know it completely, O LORD. Where can we go from your Spirit? Where can we flee from your presence? If we go up to the heavens, you are there; if we make our beds in the depths, you are there. If we rise on the wings of the dawn, if we settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide us; your right hand will hold us fast. For you created our inmost being; you knit us together in our mothers' wombs. We praise you, O God, because we are fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful. We know that full well.

(Adapted from Psalm 139)

Invocation

Hymn

Living for Jesus

173 Cokesbury verses 1 & 2

*Living for Jesus a life that is true,
Striving to please Him in all that I do.
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,
This is the pathway of blessing for me.*

*(Chorus) O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee
For Thou, in Thy atonement, Didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master, My heart shall be Thy throne,
My life I give, henceforth to live. O Christ, for Thee alone.*

*Living for Jesus who died in my place,
Bearing on Calv'ry my sin and disgrace,
Such love constrains me to answer His call
Follow His leading and give Him my all.*

(Chorus)

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 *I Would Be True*.....Walter/Peek

Scripture Luke 8:40-48

Sermon "Reaching and Stretching our Arms around the
Spirit of Compassion"

Rev. Kelley Groce

Affirmation of Faith

**In our waking and arising, be the first thought that enters our head
In our eating and drinking, be the first thought that enters our head
In our walking and journeying, be the first thought that enters our head
In our working and serving, be the first thought that enters our head
In our sowing and harvesting, be the first thought that enters our head
In our rejoicing and sorrowing, be the first thought that enters our head
In our resting and sleeping, be the first thought that enters our head**

-written by John Birch and posted on Faith and Worship.

<http://www.faithandworship.com/>

Hymn *It Is Well with My Soul*

377 UMH, verses 1 & 4

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,

When sorrows like sea billows roll;

Whatever my lot, though hast taught me to say,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

(refrain) It is well with my soul,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;

The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,

Even so, it is well with my soul.

(refrain)

Benediction

Leader: May the love of the Father, the tenderness of the Son, and the presence of the Spirit, gladden your heart and bring peace to your soul, this day and all days,

People: Amen.

Choral Benediction *My Jesus, I Love Thee*Anonymous/A.J. Gordon

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 to Donna Garcia on the death of her dad, Jim Wilson, and to Linda McKinney on the death of her husband, Lee.

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

Chuck Carrick had surgery on August 27, Nancy Carrick has Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and Susan Carrick has a friend, Dottie Meachem, having heart surgery at Duke. Jim and Brenda Wilson's daughter, Traci Wilson, will have reconstructive shoulder surgery on August 31. Prayers for Sheridan Wacker in Japan. Please pray for Judy Milligan, Noah Demmitt, Amy Coffee, and many others dealing with the challenges of our COVID times. Bianca York's infant nephew, Ezra James Lacy, has an irregular heartbeat. Prayers for Don & Clara Ellis, Albert Esterline, Frank York, Jean Farabee, Chuck Farabee (still in the hospital), and Trudy Sillmon. Rachel Sheppard and Pat Stevenson are recovering from surgeries. Prayers for Susan Carrick's friend, Betty Ann Brown, with health issues. Chris Bagwell asks for prayer for his friend, Brendan Ham. Keep everyone affected by Hurricane Laura 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.



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.

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 open on September 1. Go to <https://wnccumw.org/events/annual-celebration-2020/> for more information.

Giving Above and Beyond! – We are a church dedicated to making an impact on food insecurity in our community. During the month of September, Centenary will collect monetary donations for A Simple Gesture in honor or in memory of a loved one, and recognitions will be in the October *Centenarian*. Make your check payable to Centenary UMC and put “ASG” in the memo line.

A Simple Gesture



Drive Thru Communion on Sunday, September 6 from 1:00-2:00 PM please come to receive the elements and blessing from the minister and communion stewards. You will not need to get out of your

car. You will come in under the portico in the back of the church, receive the elements, and blessing. Come, let us celebrate the Lord's Supper together!

Zoom Sunday School – Harold Billings and Harold Billings and Dave Blackman are offering the Sunday School lessons via Zoom, beginning Sunday September 6 at 10:00 AM. They will use the International Lesson. No book required. Rev. Kelley Groce is the administrator for our church, regarding Zoom. So in order to join the live meeting by phone or computer, please email her your interest and best email to kgroce@wnccumc.net. It will be another spiritual growth opportunity for us at CUMC.



Homemade Food Delivered - Alex and Julie Hurin, along with other volunteers, have been busy in the church kitchen with some new creations! They have been making and delivering Brunswick Stew, Chicken & Dumplings*, Chicken Stroganoff, Chicken Tetrazzini, Chicken Pot Pie, Shepherd's Pie, Cheesy Beefy Noodle Bake, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Chicken Penne Bake, Peach Dump Cake, Apple Crisp, Chocolate Brownies, Peanut Butter Fudge Brownies*, and Peanut Butter Brownies with Chocolate to members of the congregation and the community. Each delicious entrée is a suggested donation of \$6, \$5 for Chicken & Dumplings, baked desserts are \$4, and brownies are \$1.50. If you would like to have one delivered to your door, contact Alex at 336-457-0130 or email him at a2lman@aol.com ***NEW!**

End Racism Now—Yard Signs are available for purchase at the church for \$8 each. If you would like one, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643 to arrange pick-up or delivery.

