



*Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter*

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor

Anita Trumpler-Rich, Music Director

*Welcome friends, family, and visitors. May your hearts be touched by the
Holy Spirit as we join in worship with devotion, songs, and prayer.
Our Mission: To experience God's life-changing love and take God's love into the world.
Our Vision: To be a church where everyone is involved in ministry.*

Gathering music Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship Blest be the Dear Uniting Love Choir

Call to Worship:

L: What great joy we have!

P: Our Lord is risen!

L: Believe with your whole heart in the miracle of resurrection.

P: We open our hearts to the good news of God's faithfulness to us.

L: Hallelujah!

P: Hallelujah!

L: Let us join in prayer of Confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Patient Lord, you wait for us to understand. You wait for us to remove the blinders of prejudice, fear, unbelief, confusion. You have offered to us the greatest miracle of all time, the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ. We sang and celebrated last Sunday, but a week has passed and we have slid back into our old ways of perceiving your presence and love. Shake us up, Lord! Shake us up and cause us to look with new eyes on our Savior, who came that we might have life, abundantly serving all who are in need. Forgive our stubbornness and our complacency. Reach out to us so that we may reach out with healing love to others, for we pray this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Pray in Silence

Words of Assurance:

Minister: Let the stone of ignorance, stubbornness and fear be rolled away from your heart. Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Know that his love is poured out for you, for your healing. Be at peace and Rejoice! **AMEN**

†Hymn O Church of God, United UMH 547

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love Peter Scholtes Choir

Scripture: Acts 4:32-35

Sermon: We've Got the Power Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed Traditional Version UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

†Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross UMH 298

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings.

Offertory Bread of the World Choir

†Doxology

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, In union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

The Celebrant continues... All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

