



*"Receive the Holy Spirit."*  
*John 20:22*

**Centenary United Methodist Church  
2300 W. Friendly Ave.  
Greensboro, NC 27403  
April 16, 2023**

*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

To God be the Glory

Arr. J. Krug

Announcement for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship      Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Choir

Call to Worship:

*Leader: Death, failure, fear, and all the works of evil have been defeated in Easter, for Christ is risen!*

**People: God reigns supreme in creation, absolute in power, merciful in forgiveness, and gracious in love.**

*Leader: Let us come to worship willing to be open before God in the totality of who we are: a people of achievement and failure, of faith and doubt, of joy and sorrow.*

**People: We come with humility, need and expectancy, to praise and worship the one who calls and receives us, the one who lifts up the fallen, restores hope to the disconsolate, and strengthens the weak.**

Unison Prayer:

**How very good and pleasant it is, Lord God, to be drawn together by you as brothers and sisters in Christ on this resurrection day. Pour your empowering Spirit upon us, that the Easter message we here proclaim may become more than words upon a page. Help us this hour to listen for and lean toward your voice which speaks beyond the words we utter. Move us past our doubts that we might step forward with a faith that does not end when we leave this place. Nudge us to touch areas of our lives that need to be touched, so that we might then recognize that no door is so heavy that it can lock you out. This we pray in the name of the One for whom you rolled away the stone. Amen.**

written by Peter L. Haynes

†Hymn

“Easter People, Raise your Voices”

UMH 304

Joys and Concerns

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, Forever and ever. Amen***

Anthem	Christ is Risen	Choir
Scripture:	John 20: 19-31	
Sermon:	How do you keep up the Momentum?	Rev. Kelley Groce
†Affirmation of Faith	The Apostle's Creed	UMH 881
†Gloria Patri		
†Hymn	"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"	UMH 349
We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings.		
Offertory	Without Seeing You	Choir
†Doxology		
†Hymn	"Christ is Alive"	UMH 318 (v 1,2 & 5)
†Blessing and Benediction		
†Postlude	Our Lord Reigning Over All	R. Koury

†Please stand as you are able and silence your cell phones.



**As you engage your 'Prayer Life' this week, please remember these prayer concerns: If you have a prayer concern or praise, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643, or call Kelley at the parsonage 336-285-5081. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.**

### **Prayer Concerns:**

Gretchen Crabtree. Susan Shuping. Betty Pleasants. Dave Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lori Johnson, Scott Stanley and Anne Murr, cancer challenges. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Till West (David Groce's aunt). Patricia Shoffner. Andrew Gibbons (Harold Billings' nephew) heart. Bruce Gillespie (Debbie Robinson's friend) cancer and heart).

## Announcements and Calendar of events



**April Birthdays** –Patrick Miller (3). Chuck Carrick (4). Benita McFarland (7)  
Marvin Baugh (8). Anne Murr (17). Barbara Blackman (23). George Cranford (24)  
Linda Billings, Nathan John (26). Linda Miller (27). Debra Schlueter (30).

**April 21<sup>st</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup>- Rev. Kelley will be out of the office.** There will be a minister on call. If you have any pastoral needs, please call the church office at 336-299-9642 or Betty Durham at 336-542-8077.

**Sunday School at 9:45am** – in the Fellowship Hall. April 16<sup>th</sup> will start a 12-week study of the Disciples of Jesus.

**Undie Sunday. The first Sunday of each month. Needed black and white socks for men and women. New packaged underwear for men and women, all sizes. There is a great need currently.**

**Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign continues.** If you would like to contribute to the cause-please gift to **Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign and designate as such.**

**The Altar Flower Calendar is posted.** There are dates still available. The cost is \$65.00/Sunday if we order from the florist. If you are interested in a less expensive option, please call the church office (336-299-9643).

### Attendance – April 6, 2023

Worship - in person	20
Worship - FaceBook Live	56
Worship – YouTube	4

### Attendance – April 9, 2023

Sunday School -	21
Worship - in person	65
Worship - FaceBook Live	101
Worship – YouTube	7

Community Breakfast - 90