



Reformation

Sunday

Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue Greensboro, NC 27403

October 25, 2020

11:00AM Service

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor Anita Trumpler-Rich, Director of Music

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship.....*Stand by Me*

Call to Worship:

Leader: We are here,

People: in the name of Christ Jesus.

Leader: So ask right now,

People: and it shall be given to you.

Leader: Seek right now,

People: and you will find.

Leader: Knock right now,

People: and the door will be opened.

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on **Bruce Prewer's Home Page.** <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

Opening Prayer

*Hymn: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.....133 v. 1&3

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Refrain:

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?*

*I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
(Refrain)*

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offering –

Offertory:My Faith Looks Up to Thee....452 v. 2

*May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!*

Scripture: Matthew 7: 21-29

Sermon: God is our Rock, Refuge, and Strength

Responsive Psalter: Page 780, Psalm 46: 1-11

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

Leader: though its waters roar and form, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: there is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

Leader: God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved; God will help it at the dawn of the day.

People: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; God's voice resounds, the earth melts.

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us:

People: the God of Jacob is our refuge

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord, who has wrought desolations in the earth;

People: who makes wars cease to the end of the earth, breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire!

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!"

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Hymn: *My Hope Is Built*.....368 v. 1&3

*My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.*

*I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,

*all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.*

*When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.*

(Refrain)

Benediction

Choral Benediction:.....*Kum Ba Yah*

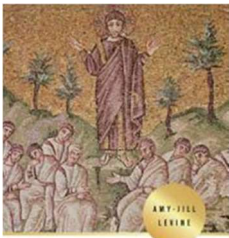
If you would like to sign up for altar flowers, to be given in honor, in memory, or in celebration, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643. The following dates are still available in 2020: November 1, 8, & 22, and December 27.

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

Chris Bagwell's father died on October 20th. Keep the family in your prayers. Ginny Taylor suffered a stroke and is in Baptist Hospital. Keep the family in your prayers. Margaret & Patrick Miller - Margaret will be moving into Whittier Center at Friends Homes Guilford. Mike Crabtree had knee surgery and doing well to recover at home. Amy Coffee's grandmother-Ruby Foland who is hospitalized with a stroke. Jackie Thompson's mom-Lucille Crawford for anxiety and depression from not being able to be visited and seen by family in retirement center. Friend of Betty Durham-Julia Willis with heart complications. Please continue to pray for Judy Milligan, Noah Demmitt, Amy Coffee, Don & Clara Ellis, Frank York, Chuck Farabee, Trudy Sillmon, Rachel Sheppard, and Pat Stevenson. Please, keep all in your prayers as so many who are dealing with many anxieties over the coronavirus and animosity in our nation.

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.

New Bible Study – *Sermon on the Mount* by Amy Jill Levine



When: Monday Mornings @ 11:00 AM and Monday Evenings @ 6:30 PM

Dates: November 2-December 7 (6 weeks)

Where: TBD - either in person or via zoom, or both, depending upon how things are at that date.

The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, contains some of Jesus' most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples, and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel of Matthew, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?

In *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine introduces the major topics in the Sermon on the Mount, explains historical and theological contexts, and shows how the words of Jesus echo his Jewish tradition and speak forward to reach hearts and minds today.

You may order *Sermon on the Mount* from Amazon, Cokesbury, or Christianbooks.org. We will discuss the first lesson on the first gathering, November 2. Have your book and Bible. Please contact Rev. Kelley Groce at 336-299-9643 or kgroce@wnccumc.net and let her know if you plan to participate.

The Pumpkin Patch is now open! This fundraiser will support the Boy Scouts and Centenary UMC. Please spread the word and tell your friends and neighbors. Pumpkins and gourds of all shapes, sizes and colors are available. If you would like to



volunteer to sell pumpkins, contact Alex Hurin at 336-457-0130 or email him at a2lman@aol.com. The Pumpkin Patch runs October 10-31.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM—8:00 PM Monday-Saturday
12:00—8:00 PM Sunday

Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 8 at 4:00 PM.

Zoom Sunday School - Harold Billings and Dave Blackman are offering Sunday School lessons via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM. They are using the International Lesson. No book is required. Email Kelley at kgroce@wnccumc.net or call her at the parsonage, if you would like a Zoom invitation or the phone number to call in for Sunday School.