

1st Corinthians 13



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27403

September 27, 2020

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Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship *O Love, How Deep* 15th Century Latin

Call to Worship

Leader: Now is the moment of grace.

People: This is the hour of blessing.

Leader: Today is the day of salvation.

People: Here is the path to new life.

Leader: Already joy is abounding, and love is flowing.

People: For this is the day God is making. Let us rejoice and sing.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn *Since Jesus Came into my Heart* Cokesbury 84, verses 1 & 3

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought

Since Jesus came into my heart!

I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,

Since Jesus came into my heart!

(chorus) Since Jesus came into my heart,

Since Jesus came into my heart,

Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,

Since Jesus came into my heart.

I'm possessed of hope that is stead-fast and sure,

Since Jesus came into my heart!

And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure,

Since Jesus came into my heart! (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 *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13

Sermon "Reaching and Stretching our Arms around God's Future"
Rev. Kelley Groce

Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Hymn *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* 2223 TFWS v. 1 & 2

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored;
(refrain) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
(refrain)*

Benediction

Choral Benediction *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* C. Wesley/Hatton

The Altar Flowers are given today by Emily Lawing in honor of her dad, Randy Wagoner, on his birthday, and in honor of her husband, Jacob Lawing, on his birthday.

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: October 4 & 25, November 1, 8, & 22, and December 27.

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

Mike Crabtree will have knee surgery on October 12. 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. Pray for Anita Trumpler-Rich's neighbor, Jennifer Gregory. Susan Shuping asks for prayer. Harold & Linda Billings ask for prayers for

their neighbor, Peter Rode. Keep everyone affected by the hurricanes and wildfires 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.



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.

Finance Committee Meeting – On Wednesday, September 30 at 4:30 PM in person at the church or via Zoom. Contact Kelley if you plan to attend.



The Pumpkin Patch – The pumpkins arrive at 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 10! 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

CROP Hunger Walk - 2020 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk and CUMC will be participating again this year with a socially distant walk around the church on **Sunday, October 11 at 2:00 PM**. Please mark your calendar to walk with us, walk in your neighborhood, or sponsor someone to walk! The need is greater than ever this year. This year's theme is "Believe There is Good in the World." Betty Durham will be taking orders for the t-shirts. They are \$6 each and she will collect the money at the church on October 11. If you would like to order a t-shirt, be a walker on the team, be a cheerleader, or man the water station contact, Betty Durham at 336-542-8077 or Betty.Durham50@yahoo.com

Sermon By Phone – Centenary UMC is now recording the audio of the sermon only for playback by phone. Call 336-270-2202 and listen to the sermon.



