



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403

September 26th, 11:00am

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.

†Please stand as you are able.

** Please silence all cell phones during the service. Thank you.

Thank you for continuing to wear a mask to protect the most vulnerable in our midst, especially those not yet able to be vaccinated.

Gathering Music

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee...Beethoven

Tarron McCord, Soprano

Announcements for Missions and Ministries

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

People: God's ways are just and merciful.

Leader: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

People: In all that they do, they prosper.

Leader: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

People: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. AMEN.

Opening Prayer:

Lord God, we praise your holy name and come before you with awe and wonder. You bless us in many different ways and for that, we give you thanks and praise. We have not always appreciated your gifts and have often abused them. In your mercy, forgive us Lord. We pray that you will help us to keep to your paths and to resist those things that would lead us astray, for you are the rock of our salvation. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen.

† Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

UMH 185, v. 1,3,4

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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 them that 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.**

Special Music

Above the Hills of Time...Tiplady

Tarron McCord, Soprano

Scripture: Job 38:1-14

Sermon: The Voice out of the Whirlwind

Rev. Kelley Groce

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

UMH 881

† Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

UMH, 147, v.1&4

Special Offering request from our Bishop Ken Carter our help is needed in the ongoing mission and relief work in Canton, Clyde and Cruso areas of Haywood County. Please continue to pray for those who lost loved ones to death in the flood, and we continue to stand alongside hundreds of families whose lives have been upended by damage to their homes. The offering will specifically help with the support of a local person who will assist our missional network with the long-term response and provide support for mission teams.

We Worship with our Tithes and our Offering

Offertory *Close to Thee...Crosby/Vail*

† Hymn *Lord, Speak to Me* **UMH 463, v. 1,2&3**

† **Blessing and Benediction**

Creator God, Mysterious Presence and Life Force, Like Job,
We have heard you in the whirlwind.
We have heard you when friends cry out for help.
We have heard you when we see another's pain.
We have heard you call us to respond.
Help us to listen carefully, learn daily, and be your presence in this world.
And all God's people say,
Amen!

† Postlude *Raise Now Your Song...Saint-Saens, arr.Kendall*

"Many thanks to Tarron McCord for sharing her musical talents with us as we worship today."



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. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.

Keith Eller facing extreme challenges. **Diane Stanley** fractured bone in ankle and toe. **Kristy Carpenter (cousin of Betty Durham and Chris Pugh)** cancer. **Chuck Ferebee**, had hip surgery. **Cynthia Michael**, 4 broken ribs. **Anne Murr**, prayers for her treatments. **Susan Shuping** surgery on her thumb. **Margaret Miller** health issues. **Louise Woods**, Carolina Pines is now allowing visitors, Louise is in room 225 and would love to have visits. **Lori Johnson**, recovering from surgery. **Sheridian Wacker**, health issues **Trudy Sillmon**. **David Blackman**. **Don & Clara Ellis**. **Aly Saunders**. **Judy Milligan**. **Abbie Samuel**.

New address for Lori Johnson- If you would like to send cards or a note Lori, 5435 Walkertown Landing Circle, Apt. 103, Walkertown NC 27051.

Our Sympathy to Pat Gunn in the death of her brother who died on Friday, September 17th. His funeral was on Tuesday, September 21st in Georgia.

Our Sympathy to the family of Boyd Holliday who passed away on September 4th. (He was associate pastor here in the 1980s). If you would like to send a card to his wife Jean, the address: 29 Bomac Road, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745.



September Birthday- Shari Saunders (21), Martha Neil Rives (23), Lori Eaton (24), Carolina Robinson & Joshua Pace (25), Brenda Wilson (27), Bill Deuterman (29)

Announcements

CROP Hunger Walk-Mark your calendar! - 2021 marks the 41st 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 3 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. You may also make a financial donation. Checks should be made payable to CUMC and note "CROP" on the memo line. **If you need a T-Shirts the cost is \$6.00 (sizes S-3X) for Centenary UMC Team Members just check with Betty Durham at 336-542-8077 or Betty.Durham50@yahoo.com.**

Blessing of the Animals on October 3rd at 4:00pm on the front lawn.

UMW Ladies-The UMW ladies will meet Monday, October 4th at 10:00am in the conference room. ALL LADIES of the church are invited and encouraged to attend. We will be re-organizing and planning for the upcoming year. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Schlueter 336-707-4213.

Bible Study-Tuesday, October 5th at 6:30pm in the conference room. Only evening sessions available.


