



Welcome to Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403

April 17, 2022 | Easter Sunday | 11:00 AM Service

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor

Anita Trumpler-Rich, Music Director

†Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Music *Prayer of St. Gregory...Hovhanness* **Leah Bergner, Trumpet**

Choral Call to Worship *Crown Him with Many Crowns* **Choir**

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, like the women at the tomb on the first Easter, we come out of our darkness and into your light

People: We come out of emptiness to enter your fullness

Leader: We come out of our hopelessness to find your joy

People: We come out of our confusion to seek your peace

Leader: We come far from home because we know we have been found

People: We come at your invitation to celebrate your risen life and to praise you as Lord

Author: Jacob Traeger

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Holy and Living God,

like a tomb's darkness that gives way to light,

open us this day to newness of life;

open us to your love, to your acceptance,

to your forgiveness, to your peace;

open us to one another,

and to the possibilities

you have in store for us.

Give us hope for the future

and a passion for life here and now.

We pray in the name

of the One who destroyed death,

Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

†Hymn *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* **UMH #302, v.1,5 &6**

Lenten Wreath Reading **Emily Lawing**

Special Music *Te Deum...Marc Charpentier* **Leah Bergner, Trumpet**

Prayer for Illumination:

Risen One,
with Mary Magdalene,
help us recognize you this day
as we hear your word and feast together.
You are “Rabboni,” our Teacher, our Guide.
Come speak to us,
that we might be messengers of your love
and doers of your word. Amen

Gospel Lesson John 20: 1-18

Sermon Celebration in the Cemetery

† Easter Affirmation of Faith ([April 21, 2011](#) by Brian Miller)

We believe in God the Father, who created the world, was faithful when we were not, and who continuously seeks to redeem the world.

We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ, who humbled himself by becoming human and moving into our neighborhood; was sent by the Father to give us life; embodied and taught the righteous love of God; and who, though he knew no sin, became sin and was put to death on a cross.

We believe that three days later, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the power of God; was seen in bodily form by his disciples.

We believe that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus gives us victory over any form of sin and brokenness and allows us to know the full love of God for the world.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who actively works in our lives, giving us grace to be like Jesus, and sends us to show God’s love for the world.

†Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Anthem

Arise, Sing, 'Tis Easter Morning...Marian Chaplin

Choir

Concerns and Joys

Pastoral Prayer

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

Let us Worship with our Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory

Saraband...Arcangelo Corelli

Leah Bergner, Trumpet

**†Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

†Hymn

Up from the Grave He Arose

UMH #322, v. 1&3

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,
and set before us the way of life.

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

**People: 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.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

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.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

Our Father, which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in 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,

The power, and the glory,

For ever and ever.

Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Giving The Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion:

Lord, you now have set your servants free

to go in peace as you have promised.

For these eyes of ours have seen the Savior

whom you have prepared for all the world to see!

Blessing and honor and glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

†Hymn

He Lives

UMH #310, v. 1&3

†Easter Benediction and Blessing:

Leader: On this holy day, and in this season of renewal, we pray in thanksgiving for the many blessings You give us. May our words and deeds today, and always, serve as reminders of the transformative power of Your love.

All: Amen.

Postlude

To God Be the Glory...Doane, arr.Krug

“We welcome and thank trumpeter Leah Bergner and guest choir soprano Emily Gearhart for their beautiful music in today’s worship!”



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.

Bill Johnson, inoperable cancer. **Libby Boggs**, knee replacement on May 2 at Wesley Long. **Margaret Miller's daughter, Pat**, for difficulties after a fall, and **her sister Dot in England for challenges**. **Gretchen Crabtree**, pacemaker. **Sheridian Wacker**, stage 2 breast cancer. **Susan Carrick**, AFib symptoms. **Dave Blackman**. **Jane Norman**. **Scott Stanley**. **Anne Murr**. **Margaret Miller**. **Lori Johnson**. **Trudy Sillmon**. **Don & Clara Ellis**. **Aly Saunders**. **Irmgard Daiber**. **James Esterline**.

Sympathy to **Peggy Harris** in the death of her son, **Steve Harris**, Steve passed away on April 12th. Keep the family in your prayers.

Announcements

The office will be closed for Easter Holiday on Monday, April 18th.

April 18-24, Kelley will be out of office. Should there be a Pastoral Emergency, please call Betty Durham at 336-542-8077, who will in contact with a Pastor.

April 24th SPRC meeting at 2:00 in conference room.

April 27th at 3:00pm Pastor Kelley will be at Friends Home Guilford for devotion and communion.

April 27th at 6:00pm Women's Supper Club will be meeting at Wicked Burgers & Taco, 2415-A Lawndale Drive. Please contact Emily Lawing 336-257-9654 if you are planning on attending.

April 28th at 6:30pm Centenary Starlight Book Club will meet at Lucky 32. We will discuss The Missing Treasures of Amy Ashton.



Birthdays this month- Patrick Miller (3), Chuck Carrick (4), Benita McFarland (7), Marvin Baugh, & Josh Kinard (8), Howard Fulcher (16), Anne Murr (17), Barbara Blackman (23), George Cranford & John Liles (24), Linda Billings & Nathan John (26), Debra Schlueter (30)