



# Holy Communion

## Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue.

Greensboro, NC 27403

September 1, 2024

Communion Sunday

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

Albumleaf

Schumann, arr. Peterson

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love Peter Scholtes Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the day God has made, the day to rejoice and give thanks,

**P: for Jesus has been raised from the dead, and lives as an everyday presence in our midst.**

L: This is the day God has made, the day to remember God's faithfulness in the church through the ages,

**P: to hear God's challenge and attend to God's dream for the future.**

**All: God calls us to live into the vision, to share the ministry and the mission. Let us respond with commitment, worship, and praise.**

Leader: Let us pray together:

**Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

†Hymn: Take Up Thy Cross UMH 415

Scripture: James 14:25-35, Matthew 18: 15-20

Sermon: "Do you have too much Salt in the Salt Shaker or Not Enough?" Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

Anthem When We Walk with the Lord Towner, arr. Bock Choir

CONCERNS AND JOYS OF CONGREGATION

Pastoral Prayer

INVITATION

Come to this table,  
you who have much faith and you who would like to have more;  
you who have been to this sacrament often  
and you who have not been for a long time;  
you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed.  
Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

**Prayer of Confession**



Spirit of wisdom and of wonder, wind around these elements today. May they stir us from stagnation into actively loving God, our neighbors, and ourselves. May our participation at this table transform us into the people God is calling us to be.

With gratitude, we gather at this table. As we take a piece of bread, let us experience the love of God as seen in Jesus the Christ. As we immerse the bread into the cup, let us remember the grace that pours from God.

### Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion

**O Jesus, our beloved, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we know that we have been fed with love and grace, and may we follow you out in the world, ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen.**

†HYMN	Blest Be the Tie that Binds	UMH 557
†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
†Postlude	Postlude in F	C. Rinck

†Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit and silence you 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.

Shari Saunders-foot surgery. Bari Hendrix- fall. Kristy Stout-health issues. Win and Lin Johnson. (Jeanne Batten's brother and sister-in-law). Doris Pruitt. Andy McFarland-health issues (Milton McFarland's brother). Andrew Gibbons-heart issues (Harold Billings nephew). Michael Santowaso-cancer (Becky's husband, David Sillmon's son-in-law). Dave Hull. Pray for our church that we may be guarded in our conversations during this time of transition. Joann Martin. Carol & Bobby Burklin. Margaret & Patrick Miller. Martha Nell Rives. Gretchen Crabtree. Dave & Barbara Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lee & Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Aly Saunders. Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover. Joy Ellison, Janet-rare form of blood cancer (Suzy Swindell's Friends). Barbara Campbell and Betty Legzig (friends of Betty Durham. Debra Kirkman (Jean Green, Kelley's Mom, friend). Barilynn



**Birthdays: September:** 1<sup>st</sup> Susan Carrick. 2<sup>nd</sup> Martha Proffitt, Chris Bagwell. 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert Hemphill, David Groce. 4<sup>th</sup> Waynette Goodson. 5<sup>th</sup> Polly Bowman. 9<sup>th</sup> Dawn Long. 12<sup>th</sup> MaryAnn Smith, Sarah Horn. 16<sup>th</sup> Lee Norman. 21<sup>st</sup> Shari Saunders. 23<sup>rd</sup> Martha Nell Rives. 24<sup>th</sup> Lori Eaton. 25<sup>th</sup> Carolina Robinson, Joshua Pace. 27<sup>th</sup> Brenda Wilson. 29<sup>th</sup> Bill Deuterman.

Peggy Harris has moved to Friends Home.

### **Announcements for Mission and Ministry**

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** – Newlyn Street – Hot Dogs and Fried Pies 10am to 1pm.