

Communion

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIM



Centenary United Methodist Church

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Before you view today's worship service video, please have a piece of bread or cracker near you, and a small glass of juice, so that you may partake in communion with us.

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship *Go, Make of All Disciples*

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

The risen Christ is with us

Praise the Lord!

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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* 62 UMH verses 1 & 5

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices and with us sing,

O praise ye! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam!

O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part

O praise ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and cast your care!

O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit. That as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Psalm 8

New Testament 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Anthem *Let There be Peace on Earth*

Gospel Reading Matthew 28: 16-20

Sermon "Peace with Justice" Rev. Kelley Groce

Response to the Word The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and buried; On 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.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

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.

Leader to people: 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!

People to leader: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

Leader and people: **Glory to God. Amen.**

Offering

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offertory

Let Us Be Bread

Thanksgiving and Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. 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. 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."

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.

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 Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn *They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love* 2223 WS verses 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:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one;
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

Dismissal with Blessing

Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Choral Benediction *Blest be the Tie that Binds*

Our Sympathy for Brenda Wilson on the death of her mother, Louise Price, on Sunday, May 24. Sympathy for the Stanley's friend, Paul Coleman Temple, who lost his mother Rebecca Mull Temple. Our sympathy to Jack Cole on the death of his nephew, Charles Connolly, on Tuesday, June 2 in Mebane. Charles was the son of Blanche Volza, Jack's sister. Prayers of sympathy for Doug Grayson on the death of his wife.

The Prayer Chain has received requests to pray for the following people: Abbie Samuel has an upcoming surgery. Frank York is at Moses Cone hospital. Pat Stevenson has a doctor appointment on June 9. Prayers for Dan Curran - Isaac Smith's best friend's father had a stroke. Betty Durham's sister-in-law, Paulette Lewis in regard to a job. Sally Goin undergoing chemotherapy treatments; David Lucas' mother, Sue Lucas, breast cancer. Pat Gunn is scheduled for carotid artery surgery on June 25. Suzy Swindell's neighbor, David Scott, is having trouble with his eyes. Suzy Swindell's friend, Nancy Mill Spaugh, is hospitalized with COVID-19

in Indianapolis. The Stanley's friend, Jimmy Hartman, is dealing with brain and lung cancer. Prayers for Trudy Sillmon, who had back surgery on May 29. She is home from the hospital and doing well.

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.

Additional Birthdays! In the most recent *Centenarian* is the list of June birthdays. Please add Lenora Reece. She will celebrate her birthday on June 24. Our apologies for missing Betty Chambers' birthday, May 10.

Let's Celebrate the Graduates – If you have a child or grandchild that has graduated from high school, college, trade school, or other institution of higher learning this spring, we would like to celebrate their accomplishments. Please email their name, name of school, earned degree, and/or future plans to Lisa@CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org by Wednesday, June 10.

Meals Delivered – Thanks to the hard work of Alex & Juli Hurin, and several others, meals of Chicken Pot Pie, Shepherd's Pie, Cheesy Beefy Noodle Bake, Chicken Penne Bake*, Chicken Cordon Bleu*, Chicken Stroganoff*, Quarts of Brunswick Stew, Peach Dump Cake, Apple Crisp, and delicious Brownies have been delivered to our congregants at Friends Homes West, Friends Homes Guilford, Well Spring, UMAR residencies, and at individuals homes. If you would like a meal delivered, contact Alex Hurin at 336-457-0130. Entrees are a suggested donation of \$6 each, \$4 for Peach Dump Cake or Apple Crisp, and \$1.50 for Brownies.

*NEW!

Kiorpes Variations – **Enjoy some beautiful music!** James Esterline's piano video is now available on the [Centenary UMC – Greensboro YouTube Channel](#). Or, go to our website, www.CentenaryUMCGreensboro.org to find the link on the home page, under News & Events.

Bible Study – Tuesdays at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM using Zoom we are studying the Psalms. Send an email to kgroce@wnccumc.net to receive an email invitation to Zoom. You may also listen in by phone. Contact the church if you would like to participate 336-299-9643.



Centenary UMC has a heart for food scarcity. We are unable to participate in our Free Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet at this time, so the Ad Council has decided to use the money allocated for our Community Breakfast for the month of June, \$250.00, to be sent to Out of the Garden Project. We would also like you to

consider sending a donation, above and beyond your usual monthly pledge, to support Out of the Garden project. You may make your check payable to Centenary UMC and put "Out of the Garden Project" on the memo line. Mail your check to Centenary UMC, 2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403. Out of the Garden Project is able to reach the most vulnerable in our community – the children. We will be focusing on this mission throughout the month of June. We thank you for your consideration of this community project, along with our continued mission to feed the hungry in our local community.

The Power of Prayer

From Pentecost through Labor Day we want to lift up the church in prayer. There are three ways to participate, besides your own personal prayer time:

1. If you would like to be a part of the prayer group by phone or Zoom computer – please call Kelley at 336-285-5081 or e-mail at kgroce@wnccumc.net . The group will convene each Wednesday from 5-5:30 PM. A time of Prayer for church.
2. Kelley will send out a prayer through phone tree and e-mail each week.
3. Kelley will say a prayer on Facebook each Wednesday

We are the Church. We are Christ's people. We are people of Prayer. Let us be Pentecost People of Power and Prayer.