



*Centenary United Methodist Church  
2300 W. Friendly Ave.  
Greensboro, NC 27403  
May 5, 2024  
Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**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                      Prelude on a Welsh Tune                      Gordon Young

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to                      Worship Bind Us Together                      Bob Gillman                      Choir

Call to Worship:

L: Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

**P: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!**

L: God has remembered God's faithful ones.

**P: God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!**

L: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

**P: Rejoice, for God is truly with us. AMEN.**

**L: Let us join in the prayer of Confession:**

**P: Loving and merciful One, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey.**

**Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love.**

**We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom.**

**We fail to see your Kingdom in parables**

**because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other.**

**Form in us a new vision of community**

**in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North.**

**We pray for the sake of your Kingdom**

**that both is and is not yet. Amen.**

†Hymn                      I Come With Joy                      UMH 617

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral prayer

Anthem                      Come, Share the Lord                      Bryan Leech                      Choir

Scripture:                      John 15: 9-17

Sermon:                      Covenant Companions                      Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith                      Apostle's Creed                      UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

†Hymn                      The Gift of Love                      UMH 408

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings.

Offertory

Covenant Prayer

Choir

†Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Prayer following Communion:

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

†Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH 121

†Benediction

†Postlude

Dialog

Russell Schulz-Widman

†Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able and please silence your cell phones†

We are saddened here of the passing of Rev. Don Ellis on May 1st. Candy Ellis said "Don passed way today peacefully at 6:13, right before sunrise. The Lord is great!" Please be in prayer for Clara and the whole family. The funeral service will be at Centenary UMC on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. The family will have a receiving line in the Narthex to greet friends after service and before the committal.



As you engage your 'Prayer Life' this week, please remember these prayer concerns. If you have a prayer concern or praises, 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.

### Prayer Concerns:

Michael Santowaso-cancer (David's son-in-law). Emmet (Margaret Turnage neighbors). Pray for our church that we may be guarded in our conversations during this time of transition. JJ Hodge (friend of Harold and Linda Billings). Ann Hennings. Joann Martin. Abbie Samuel. 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. Anne Trumpler (Anita sister-in-law).

## **Announcements and Calendar of events**

**May 11<sup>th</sup> 10am to 1pm Newlyn Street UMC Hot Dog and Fried Pie Sale.**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> 12pm Friendship Club.** The speaker is Rev. Dr. Anne Conover, artist in resident, retired deacon in UMC. She will lead us in a program of arts and theology. Lunch to be announced.

**May 18<sup>th</sup> 8am to 10am, Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet 8am to 10am.** All help is needed! Cooks, serving, listening, and praying with our guests. Last month David and Sandy helped one of our guests with a medical need.

**May 20<sup>th</sup> - 11am Mona Sartin's Graveside Service at Alamance Memorial Park.**

**Clothes Closet special requests:** Right now we are in good shape with clothes but we need men's and women's underwear. Take-along style suitcases on wheels or duffle type bags. Travel size shampoo, toothpaste, and body wash. If you have any questions, please see Caryn Hull or Dona Pickett

**The Blessed Table Food Pantry:** at this time monetary gifts are needed.