



*Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
March 3, 2024*

Third Sunday of Lent and Communion

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

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship:

L: We stand in the need of the presence of God.

P: Our lives can so easily become corrupted by our own greed.

L: But the Lord has heard our cries and calls us forward on this journey.

P: Lord, guide our steps.

L: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

P: Let us open our hearts to the healing, restoring love of God. AMEN.

L: Let us join in prayer of Confession:

P: Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude, the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world, the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth. Forgive us for taking without giving reaping without sowing.

Open our eyes to see our lips to praise our hands to share. May our feet touch lightly on the path we tread, and our footsteps be worthy of following, for they lead to you.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

†Hymn

Observance of the Lenten Candle

Bianca York

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: John 2: 13-22

Sermon: “The Day Jesus Lost His Cool”

Rev. Kelley Groce

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

UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

†Hymn

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings.

Offertory

†Doxology

†THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

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.

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!** The Celebrant continues... All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

†THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

Prayer following Communion:

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth

†Hymn

†Benediction

†Postlude

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

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:

Barbara Albright (pneumonia). Ann Hennings. Joann Martin. Abbie Samuel. Carol & Bobby Burklin. Margaret & Patrick Miller. Martha Nell Rives. Chuck Farabee. Gretchen Crabtree. Dave & Barbara Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lee & Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover. Anne Trumpler (Anita sister-in-law). Dan Rozelle. Nick Nixon (friend of Suzy Swindell). Diane McClure (neighbor of Suzy Swindell). Richard Fisher (Anita Trumpler-Rich). Scott Goller (friend of the Groce family). Elaine (Jackie Thomas’s friend) Daisy Adams (Newlyn Street). Sandra Weathers (Aunt of Harrison, Hannah & Jameson Stout) Ron Fields (friend of Jeane Batten). The family of Coach Russell Mills- Page High School (Harrison, Hannah & Jameson Stout). Emmet, father, and Dawn, daughter-cancer, and Emmet’s caregiver (Margaret Turnage neighbors). Pray for our church. The family of Linda Johns in her passing (friend of Betty Durham).

Announcements and Calendar of events

March Birthdays: 1st Jim Wilson. 3rd Frazier Robinson. 7th Estelle Cranford. 11th Rachel Shephard. 15th Pat Stevenson. 16th Kristina Kinard. 19th Harold Billings. 22nd Charles Sartore. 24th Doris Pruitt. 25th Andrew Snider. 29th Cindie Sillmon. 31st Caryn Hull.

February 20th-March 30th -Tuesdays 6pm Bible Study Centenary Tuesday's, "The Third Day, Living the Resurrection" by Tom Berlin.

February 21st-March 30th - Wednesdays, 6pm Bible Study- Newlyn Street – will follow the Lectionary for the Easter Season. **All are welcome to either or both.**

Clothes Closet special requests: We need Men's pants and shirts ALL sizes. Men's shoes, especially athletic shoes. Men's belts 34, 36 & 38. Women's Small and Medium **winter** clothes. Take-along style suitcases on wheels. Travel size shampoo, toothpaste, and body wash. If you have any questions, please see Caryn Hull or Dona Pickett.

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