



*Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter
Native American Ministries 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

Announcements for Missions and Ministries

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship:

Leader: Our Lord Jesus spoke to the storm, saying "Peace, be still."

People: As we gather in worship, Jesus speaks to our hearts and spirits now, saying "Peace, be still."

Leader: As we rest in your presence, Lord, may all our storms grow quiet within us.

People: Bring rest to our hearts, O Lord; may we feel like a leaf after a storm, when the wind is still.

ALL: May we know both your presence and your peace;

May you receive both our praise and our thanksgiving.

Opening Prayer: Unison

Let us give thanks for this beautiful day, for it is a gift from Creator.

Let us give thanks for the water without which life would not be possible.

Let us give thanks for Grandmother Earth who protects and nourishes us.

We give thanks for earth, air, sun, and water, in which we see the hand of Creator, even Creator Himself for He is in all He has made.

ALL: Let us give thanks for this life. It is a gift from Creator, and we have the possibility of living it. Let us live it to His praise and glory!

†Hymn

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

UMH 304 v.1&2

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Anthem

Old Testament:

Psalm 4 with Musical Response

UMH 741

New Testament:

Luke 24: 36-48

Sermon:

“He Stood among them”

Rev. Kelley Groce

Affirmation of Faith for Native American Awareness Sunday

We believe in God, creator of all: The two legged, the four legged, The winged ones and those that crawl upon the earth, And swim in your waters. We believe in God, Who Walked With Us; Our Brother born in humbleness Who lived and died for us and Who will come again to bring us to glory Ever present, ever guiding, and upholding us Showing us the principles to live by Whose voice we hear through the prophets you have given us Creator, One Who Walked With Us, and Spirit With Us, Holy One: We are named in the waters of baptism as your own All of us related, your children We watch for signs of your homecoming And thank you for this sacred circle of life. Amen.

†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.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Dee Smith (Newlyn St. UMC). Her services are incomplete currently.

Prayer Concerns:

Please Pray for Kelley’s niece Campbell. Scott Stanley-fall. Barbara Wolfe-back. Michael Santowaso-cancer (Becky (Sillmon) husband, David’s son-in-law). Emmet (Margaret Turnage neighbor). Pray for our church that we may be guarded in our conversations during this time of transition. JJ Hodge arm. His father is asking for prayers for (friend of Harold and Linda Billings). Carolyn 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. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover. Anne Trumpler (Anita sister-in-law).

April Birthdays: 3rd Patrick Miller. 4th Chuck Carrick. 7th Benita McFarland. 8th Marvin Baugh, Josh Kinard. 23rd Barbara Blackman. 24th John Liles. 26th Linda Billings, Nathan John. 27th Linda Miller. 30th Debra Schlueter

Announcements and Calendar of events

**April 14th- Today- After Worship- Finance Committee Meeting Conference Room.
2pm- Revisioning Committee Meeting- Conference Room.**

**April 18th- Starlight Book Club, 6:30pm at Lucky 32
Betty Leaves for General Conference.**

April 19th – May 3rd- General Conference in Charlotte.

April 20th- 8am to 10am – Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet.

April 22nd- 24th – Kelley will be at General Conference.

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: currently, they only need monetary donations.

Attendance – March 31, 2024

Worship in-person 24 Worship – Facebook Live