



United Methodist Women Sunday

Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor

Gathering Music

Morning is Broken

UMH #145 Tarron McCord, Soloist

Written by: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Announcements for Missions and Ministries of the Congregation

Greetings and Welcome

Debra Schlueter, President

UMW Purpose (repeat in unison)

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Litany: Canticle of Hope

We shall see a new heaven and earth, for the old will pass away.

We shall see a new Jerusalem, the holy city descending from heaven.

The city shall need no sun or moon, for God's glory will be its light.

For God's Lamb will be its lamp and by its light the nations shall walk,

We shall hear a loud voice from the throne: "

Behold, God's dwelling is with mortals. Indeed, God will dwell with them, and they will be God's people."

God shall wipe away all our tears, and there shall be no more death.

Mourning, crying and pain shall cease, for all former things will pass away.

We shall hear One speak from the throne:

"Behold, I make all things new, I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end"

Opening prayer (in unison)

Eternal God, we have gathered here in your sanctuary this morning as members of your family to worship you as our Living God. Community-making God, you have called us to be in community with each other. Enable us to center ourselves for renewal in your presence, commitment to your mission, and ministry with the least of these, here and around the world. Equip us with your Holy Spirit to witness to your love and power, healing and reconciliation, nurturance, and new life. Inspire us once again to be the tellers of the old, old story in ever new contexts, that Jesus has come so that all may have life, in fact, more than life, Life in its Fullness, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Hymn

Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet
Written By: Amy Grant (1990)

UMH #601

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation 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 and ever. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Proverbs 31:17, Galatians 3:28, Luke 1:45 Psalms 46:5, 2 Timothy 1:7

Anthem

Blessed Assurance
Written by: Fanny J. Crosby

UMH #369 Tarron McCord, Soloist

***Litany for Mission**

One: God of mission, you remind us this morning once again to seek your kingdom first,

All: God of abundant living, you call us to steep our lives in your initiatives.

One: God of infinite provisions, you tell us not to worry about missing out, and promise us that you will take care of our everyday concerns. God of grace, you summon us back to your kingdom, as the goal and purpose of our lives.

All: God of faith, hope, and love, you fit your daughters and sons for various activities for the sake of your mission.

One: Most holy God, you call us to live out your Gospel through word and deed,

All: By public and personal witnessing, through acts of charity and works of mercy.

One: O God of mystery, we are constantly surprised by the working of your Spirit in our midst.

All: O Holy Spirit, continue to guide us, as we offer ourselves to your bidding, and commit ourselves to work for the reign of God here and afar.

One: In the name of One Eternal God,

All: Jesus the Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Lesson: Hymns by Women Songwriters of Christian Faith

Hymn: *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* **UMH #334**
Written by: Doris Akers (1923-1995)

Hymn: *Jesus Loves Me* **UMH #191**
Written by: Anna Bartlett Warner (1827-1915)

Hymn: *Closer to Thee* **UMH #407**
Written by: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)

Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story* **UMH #156**
Written by: Arabella Katherine Hankey (1834-1911)

Hymn: *His Name is Wonderful* **UMH #174**
Written by: Audrey Mieir (1916-1996)

***Hymn:** *Tis So Sweet* **UMH #462**
Written by: Louisa M. Stead (1850-1917)

***The Apostle's Creed, Traditional Version** **UMH #881**

We worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory *Serving the Poor* **UMH #446**

Mother Teresa's Song **Written by: Laura Tompkins** **Video**

Hymn of Sending Forth *Let There be Peace on Earth* **UMH #431**
Written by Jill Jackson-Miller (1913-1995)

***Benediction/Prayer**

His eye is on the Sparrow **Written by: Civilla D. Martin (1866-1948)**

***Stand as you are able in body or in spirit.**

All Hymns will be the first and last verses. You may remain seated.

Altar Flowers are given today To the Glory of God in honor of all the mothers of Centenary Church and also for the people of Ukraine by Paul and Dawn Long.

"A warm thank you to Tarron McCord for sharing her beautiful voice with us this Sunday."

Prayer Concerns

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.

Jackson David (Lori Johnson's grandson) baseball injury. **Barbara Wolfe**, a fall. **Barbara Grey (Teresa John's mother)** for health issues. **Danny Grey (Suzy Swindell's son-in-law's father)** lung cancer. **Margaret Turnage's sister-in-law, Gloria** for health concerns. **Sue Rosser (friend of Debbie Robinson)** has had 2 strokes. **Bill Johnson**, inoperable cancer. **Libby Boggs**, recovering at home. **Margaret Miller's daughter, Pat**, for difficulties after a fall, and **her sister Dot in England** for challenges. **Gretchen Crabtree**, pacemaker. **Sheridian Wacker**, stage 2 breast cancer. **Susan Carrick**, AFib symptoms. **Dave Blackman**. **Jane Norman**. **Scott Stanley**. **Anne Murr**. **Margaret Miller**. **Lori Johnson**. **Trudy Sillmon**. **Don & Clara Ellis**. **Aly Saunders**. **Irmgard Daiber**. **James Esterline**. **Corey Mariam**. **Jean Brincefield**.



Birthdays in May – Bianca York (24), Dylan Sillmon (25), Spencer Deuterman & Kathy Swing (27), Susan Roach (30)

Upcoming in May

- May 15th There will be a Worship Committee Meeting immediately following the worship service on in the Conference Room.
- May 16th There will be a meeting of the Missions/Outreach/Nurture Committee at 5:30 in the Conference Room.
- May 18th Please Kelley will be at Friends Home Guilford at 3:00pm for devotion and Communion.
- Saturday, May 21st , 2022 from 8:00-10:00 am is our Free Community Breakfast and Clothing Closet. We need you to come cook, serve, host, pray, and smile.
- May 25th American Red Cross Blood Drive in our Fellowship Hall from 2:00 to 6:30. If you can help register participants,(we need 2 volunteers per hour at the Blood Drive to help register people or gift cookies to those who need a snack afterwards, any time which you could gift would be appreciated.
- May 31st The office will be closed for Memorial Day.