



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403

October 3, 2021 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am

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.

†Please stand as you are able.

** Please silence all cell phones during the service. Thank you.

Thank you for continuing to wear a mask to protect the most vulnerable in our midst, especially those not yet able to be vaccinated.

Gathering Music

Morning Call to Worship...Franklin Ritter

Announcements for Missions and Ministries

† Hymn

O Worship the King

UMH 73, v. 1,2,3

† Call to Worship: From Psalm 135

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD!

ALL: Give praise, O servants of the LORD.

Leader: Who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!

ALL: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD! Praise the LORD!!

Opening Prayer:

Holy Lord, the God that hears our prayers, you have said that you will be present whenever two or three gather in your name. We welcome your presence and grace in our lives. We ask that you manifest your glory today and shine your light on us. Through your light, may we illuminate the lives of those around us. As we feel your presence in worship today, may our knowledge of your divine mysteries continue to grow and change our lives forever. In Jesus name, Amen.

Mission Moment: Pathways Shelter Mike and Gretchen Crabtree

Special Music *Thy Word is a Lamp..Grant/Smith*

Scripture: Psalm 135: 15-17

Sermon: Naming our Idols

Rev. Kelley Groce

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

We Worship with our Tithes and our Offering

Offertory *Minuet...Franz Josef Haydn*

† **Hymn** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

UMH 618, v. 1&3

Thanksgiving and Communion

Taking the Bread and Cup

A 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,
Almighty God, 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 your prophets, who looked for that day
when justice shall roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.
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.
At his ascension you exalted him
to sit and reign with you at your right hand.
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 (God), now and forever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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, For ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

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

God Be with You till We Meet Again

UMH 673, v. 1&4

Blessing and Benediction:

Postlude

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him...Richard Blake

Altar Flowers: the flower in the sanctuary today is given To the Glory of God in honor of all October Birthdays by Betty Durham.



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. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.

Keith Eller facing extreme challenges. **Diane Stanley** fractured bone in ankle and toe. **Kristy Carpenter (cousin of Betty Durham and Chris Pugh)** cancer. **Chuck Ferebee**, had hip surgery. **Cynthia Michael**, 4 broken ribs. **Anne Murr**, prayers for her treatments. **Susan Shuping** surgery on her thumb. **Margaret Miller** health issues. **Louise Woods**, Carolina Pines is now allowing visitors, Louise is in room 225 and would love to have visits. **Lori Johnson**, recovering from surgery. **Sheridian Wacker**, health issues **Trudy Sillmon**. **David Blackman**. **Don & Clara Ellis**. **Aly Saunders**. **Judy Milligan**. **Abbie Samuel**.

New address for Lori Johnson- If you would like to send cards or a note Lori, 5435 Walkertown Landing Circle, Apt. 103, Walkertown NC 27051.

Our Sympathy to the family of Charlie Frye who passed away on Thursday, September 23rd of heart complications at Cone Hospital. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, September 29th at Muir's Chapel Cemetery.

Our Sympathy to Pat Gunn in the death of her brother who died on Friday, September 17th. His funeral was on Tuesday, September 21st in Georgia.

Our Sympathy to the family of Boyd Holliday who passed away on September 4th. (He was associate pastor here in the 1980s). If you would like to send a card to his wife Jean, the address: 29 Bomac Road, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745.



October Birthday- Sheridan (Shimer) Wacker (1), Adele Singletary (3), Edna Johnson (4), Hazel Raper (8), Cecil Overbey (11), Richard Liles (12), Pat Rothrock (13), Ann Hennings (22), Margaret Miller (23).

Announcements

Today the CROP Hunger Walk at 2:00pm-2021 marks the 41st Anniversary of the Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk and CUMC will be participating again this year with a socially distant walk around the church. Come walk with us, walk in your neighborhood, or sponsor someone to walk! The need is greater than ever this year. You may also make a financial donation. Checks should be made payable to CUMC and note "CROP" on the memo line. **If you need a T-Shirts the cost is \$6.00 (sizes S-3X) for Centenary UMC Team Members just check with Betty Durham at 336-542-8077 or Betty.Durham50@yahoo.com.**

Today at 4:00pm we will have Blessing of the Animals on the front lawn.

UMW Ladies-The UMW ladies will meet Monday, October 4th at 10:00am in the conference room. ALL LADIES of the church are invited and encouraged to attend. We will be re-organizing and planning for the upcoming year. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Schlueter 336-707-4213.

Bible Study-Tuesday, October 5th at 6:30pm in the conference room. Only evening sessions available.