



**Centenary United Methodist Church  
2300 W. Friendly Ave.  
Greensboro, NC 27403  
April 23, 2023**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

**Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor**

**Anita Trumpler-Rich, Music Director**

***Guest Pastor, Jill Alventosa-Brown***

*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

To Spring

Edvard Grieg

Announcements for Music and Ministries

Choral call to worship

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Choir

### Call to Worship

*(Based on Psalm 116)*

One Voice: Come! Lift your voices to the Lord, who always hears us.

**Many Voices: Listen Lord. Hear our voices sing your praises.**

One Voice: Call on the Lord, who bends low to hear us.

**Many Voices: Listen Lord. We lift our voices to you in praise.**

One Voice: Call on the name of the Lord, all you people.

**Many Voices: Listen Lord. We call on your wonderful name.**

**For you saved us, you raised us and turned our lives around.**

**Let your name be praised in this congregation.**

†Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

UMH 545

Joys and Concerns

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 and ever. Amen*

Anthem

Empty Hands, Open Arms

Lloyd Larson

Choir

Scripture:

Luke 24: 13-25

Sermon:

"We Had Hoped"

Rev. Jill Alventosa-Brown

†Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

UMH 881

†Hymn

More Love to Thee, O Christ

UMH 453 (v 1&4)

We worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings.

Offertory

Abide with Me

Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

†Blessing and Benediction

†Postlude

Voluntary

J. Stanley

†Please stand as you are able and silence your cell phones.



**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.**

**Prayer Concerns:**

Gretchen Crabtree. Betty Pleasants. Dave Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker., Scott Stanley and Anne Murr, cancer challenges. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Till West (David Groce’s aunt). Shari Saunders, foot surgery. Faye Elliott, fall. Bruce Gillespie (Debbie Robinson’s friend, cancer, and heart).

Our sympathy to Jim, Diane, and Scott Stanley in the death of Jim’s cousin Dr. Charles Stanley. Dr. Stanley passed away on April 18 in Atlanta, Ga.

Congratulations to Caroline and Michael Gillespie who were married on Saturday April 15 at The Corley Mill House in Lexington, SC. Caroline is the daughter of George and Debbie Robinson.

Lori Johnson has been moved to Blumenthal’s Skilled Nursing and Rehab. She would love to have cards and notes. When she gets settled in, she will be able to have visitors. Cards can be sent to:

Lori Johnson  
Blumenthal’s Skilled Nursing and Rehab  
Room 211  
3724 Wireless Dr.  
Greensboro, NC 27455

## Announcements and Calendar of events



**April Birthdays** – Linda Billings, Nathan John (26). Linda Miller (27). Debra Schlueter (30).

**May Birthdays** – Jameson Stout (3). Coak May (50). Robb Stowe (8). Betty Chambers (10). Fred Wampler (12). Jeane Battten (22). Bianca York (24). Dylan Sillmon (25). Spencer Deuterman, Kathy Swing (27). Susan Roach (30)

**April 21<sup>st</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup>- Rev. Kelley will be out of the office.** There will be a minister on call. If you have any pastoral needs, please call the church office at 336-299-9642 or Betty Durham at 336-542-8077.

**Sunday School at 9:45am** – in the Fellowship Hall. With a 12-week study on the Disciples of Jesus.

**Undie Sunday. The first Sunday of each month. There is a great need currently for new packaged underwear for men and women, all sizes.**

**April 30<sup>th</sup> – Churchwide Picnic after Worship in the Fellowship Hall.** Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, all the fixings and dessert. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**April 30<sup>th</sup> - 3:30 pm – Centenary Community Concert.** Come join us, as we continue to rejoice in the Easter Season for a celebration in music of the ever-recurring springtime of the soul with James Esterline and Anita Trumpler-Rich.

**May 9<sup>th</sup> – 12pm- Friendship Club.** There will be a speaker from the Historical Society. Also, there will be plenty of fun, fellowship, and food. Please join us, all are welcome!

**May 17<sup>th</sup> – 30pm** – Rev. Kelley will be at Friends Home, Guilford to share a devotion and Holy Communion.

**May 18<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm** - The Centenary Starlight Book Club- The book is Lessons in Chemistry: A Novel by Bonnie Garmus. Will meet at Lucky 32.

**May 24<sup>th</sup> – 2pm to 6:30pm - Mark your calendars- Red Cross Blood drive.** Please spread the word to your family and friends. The Red Cross has contacted us to say there is a great need currently! What better gift to give than the gift of Life!

Attendance – April 16, 2023

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| Sunday School           | 19 |
| Worship in-person       | 42 |
| Worship - FaceBook Live | 70 |
| Worship – YouTube       | 10 |