



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403

June 20, 2021

11:00 AM Service

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.

Prelude

St. Anthony's Chorale...Franz Josef Haydn

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral call to Worship

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee...Beethoven

†Call to Worship

One: Our relationships with our fathers are complicated.

Many: For some of us, our father's love is like God's love -- too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure.

One: Some of our dads are here; some were never here.

Many: For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.

One: All of us are shaped by the relationship or lack of relationship with our fathers.

All: On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognize the importance of fathers in our communities. We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the fathers among us so that they will manifest the love of God in all that they do.

†Opening Prayer

Loving God, you who are our father and our mother, we thank you that you have shown us how important it is to follow your example as we grow in faith. Teach us to be obedient to your will, respecting you as children ought. Thank you for your mercy despite our disobedience. Strengthen us to stand up against the challenges of this world, honoring your name and trusting your grace. In the Name of your Son, we pray. **Amen.**

†Hymn

This is My Father's World

UMH 144, v. 1-3

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. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

Virgin, tutt'amor (Virgin, Full of Love)...Francesco Durante

Cortney Sharpe, Mezzo soprano

We Worship with our Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory

Together We Serve

†Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH 549, v. 1&6

Scripture

Acts 2:42-47

Sermon

The Power of Konina

Rev. Kelley Groce

Litany

Leader: When our hearts are grieving, crying out in distress

People: The Lord hears our cries.

Leader: When our spirits are wandering, lost and afraid

People: The Lord seeks and finds us.

Leader: When our days seem filled with anger and hopelessness

People: The Lord brings comfort and peace to us.

Leader: When we don't think we have anything to offer to God.

People: God produces miracles in our lives that can serve others.

Leader: When we need to know that God is with us.

People: God is present in all the earth.

Leader: For all the ways in which God blesses our lives,

People: We give thanks and praise!

Leader: For the people who have taught and guided us, who have shown us the right paths of God,

People: We give thanks and praise!

Leader: For the wonderful things which we have seen and the things yet to come,

People: We give thanks and praise to God! AMEN.

†Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140, v. 1&2

Benediction

Leader: Go now in peace, knowing the miracles that God has produced in your life. Be assured that there are still more miracles to come. Bear witness to God's love to all you meet. In the name of the Creator, the Holy One who resides with you always, go in peace.

All: AMEN.

Postlude

Voluntary...G. Stanley

†Please stand as you are able.

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

"We welcome mezzo soprano Cortney Sharpe! Thank you, Cortney, for sharing your beautiful music with us today."

Alter Flower: The flower in the sanctuary today is given To the Glory of God in honor and memory of all our fathers given by Suzy Swindell and family. Also, the rose bud vase is placed in the sanctuary today in memory of Larry Swindell's 70th birthday.

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.

Abbie Samuel, eye surgery on June 24th. **Margaret Miller** health issues. **Robert Hemphill** will have surgery on July 1st. **Ann Murr**, challenging health concerns. **Jennifer Slaine**, had surgery and is doing well. **Dot Frye**. **Jeane Batten**. **Louise Woods**, Carolina Pines is now allowing visitors, Louise is in room 225 and would love to have visits. **Lori Johnson**, chemo treatments for breast cancer. **Sheridian Wacker**, health issues **Nina Stowe**, co-worker's son, **Malachi**, 9 months old with leukemia. **Trudy Sillmon**. **Keith Eller**, moved to Guilford Health Care Center for Rehab. **Kristy Carpenter**, **Betty and John Pugh's cousin**, cancer. **Susan Carrick**. **Nancy Carrick**. **Corey Marion**. **Don & Clara Ellis**. **Rachel Sheppard**. **Aly Saunders**. **Judy Milligan**.



June Birthdays- Kelley Groce (23), Lenora Reece (24), Jean Farabee (27), Diane Stanley (28), Aaron Snider (29)

