



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403

October 24, 2021 Twenty-Second 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.

Announcements for Missions and Ministries

Call to worship

Leader: We gather today, proclaiming God's love and seeking God's blessing.

People: God loves us with an immeasurable love. God is with us always, even when we are unaware, even when we feel lost or alone.

Leader: In gratitude we come, proclaiming our thanksgiving and seeking to live out our love.

People: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Let us worship God.

—Source: ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3724/worship-connection-april-10-2016. Used with permission.

Opening Prayer:

Generous God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we lift our voices today to express our thanks and praise. For health and strength, for family and friends, for our homes and this church community, and for your abiding and life-giving presence, we say thank you. For your love, which knows no bounds, and for empowering us to share your love with others, we sing your praise. Make us deeply aware of your presence today as we gather together to worship, in Jesus' name. Amen.

From "[Liturgy for a Labor Sunday Service](#)" by the Rev. Ed Middleton, Cocoa Beach Community Church, United Church of Christ. Used with permission.

†Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH #92, v.1,2,3&6

Joys and Concerns of 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, For ever and ever. Amen.

Anthem

Where He Leads Me

Tarron McCord, Soprano

Scripture: John 21:15-19

Sermon: Show me

†Hymn

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

UMH #344, v. 1&2

We Worship with our Tithes and our Offering-Gifting our commitments, Gifts to God

Offertory Invitation

God's blessings are all around us. For all that we have and for all that we are, we give God thanks and praise. We are now given an opportunity to be blessing to others. Through our PAR commitments, through our money, and through our time and talents, we now return to God, so that we might be a part of God's love and God's mission. Our offering will now be received.

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, you call us to respond to your love with love. Accept these gifts we bring, and accept us that, together, we might be able to show your love and transform the lives of your people, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Offertory

Step by Step...David Strasser

Choir

Stewardship Moment: Rob Stowe, Finance Chair

Charge to All Stewards

PASTOR: Today is a day of celebration in the life of Centenary UMC because today we remember that each and every one of us — young and old — is called by God to be stewards of justice, stewards of creation, stewards of peace, stewards of this family of faith. Stewards give from all aspects of their lives. As we accept this call to be stewards, we each become a living example of Christ's gospel, proclaiming faith through all that we do and all that we give. As it is written in I Peter, "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." (I Peter 4:10) And so, people of God, I ask you now, do you promise to enter into this covenant together to be God's stewards with all your mind and heart? If so, please answer, "I do."

Litany of Commitment

PASTOR: Gracious God, you have made a world for us and given us incomparable gifts: air and water, family and friends, your steadfast love and forgiveness, and your son Jesus the Christ. For all the gifts and wonders you have bestowed on us.

PEOPLE: We thank you and worship you with renewed gratitude.

PASTOR: O God, you created us to love one another as Christ has loved us. We are concerned about all your children, those who live near us, and those who live far away. We are eager to participate in the work of the whole church and to further the ministry and service of this congregation.

PEOPLE: We are called to be your stewards. We thoughtfully shoulder our personal share of responsibility, and we pledge to witness to the good news of Christ with our hearts and hands and voices.

PASTOR: We are confident in your love and care for us.

PEOPLE: We gladly give back to our Gracious God our whole lives, our time, our talents, and our financial resources.

The Commission

O God, throughout the ages you have challenged your people to step out in faith and follow you. You have put purpose and direction in the lives of your people. We have before us a new direction and a new purpose. We have set our feet on the pathway. Be our guide. Whisper in our ears when we need to make decisions. Hold us up if we start to stumble. May your Holy Spirit lead us in joyful song and fill us with eager anticipation. You are our vision, O God; lead us on our journey. Amen.

Submitted by Rev. Elsa Peters, The United Churches of Olympia, WA.

†Hymn *Freely, Freely* **UMH #389, v.1&2**

†Blessing and Benediction

Leader: Our worship is over, but now our service begins. We are called to go and live God’s love in the world.

People: We go in faith and in hope to feed Christ’s sheep and care for Christ’s lambs.

Leader: Go in peace, and may the love of God embrace us, the compassion of Christ challenge us, and the Holy Spirit guide us.

People: Amen.

†Postlude *Trumpets in Praise...Franklin Ritter*

“Many thanks to Tarron McCord for sharing her musical talents with us as we worship today.”





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.

(Ann Henning's relatives) Dan, Nancy and Ellen. Haiti Missionaries, country and church. Irmgard Daiber. Keith Eller facing extreme challenges. **Brenda H. Davis (friend of Libby's)** breast cancer. **Diane Stanley** fractured bone in ankle and toe. **Kristy Carpenter (cousin of Betty Durham and John Pugh)** cancer. **Anne Murr**, prayers for her treatments. **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 to Lori, 5435 Walkertown Landing Circle, Apt. 103, Walkertown NC 27051.



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

- **Bible Study-Tuesday, October 26th at 6:30pm in the conference room. Only evening sessions available.**
- **Blood Drive on October 27th from 2-6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Volunteers needed.**
- **Charge Conference**

Charge Conference will be November 7th after worship service. All are invited to attend however only elected to Ad Council may vote.