



Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021 11:00 AM

Betty Durham, Lay Servant Anita Trumpler-Rich, Director of Music

Prelude

Victory in Jesus and Surely the Presence

Tarron McCord, Soprano

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

Call to worship

Leader: Morning has broken – Hallelujah and shout for joy!

All: We know God listens as we sing praises to him and lay out our needs before him.

Leader: We cry out for the hurting, the sick, the needy, the lost; We cry out for love, for healing, peace, joy, kindness and saving grace;

All: And God answers with his love and blessings - now, tomorrow and always. His love consumes us; God's faithful ways are eternal. Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer:

Bless us as we meet together,
Dear Lord we pray.
Bless the singing of your praise,
the reading of your Word,
the sharing of our fellowship,
the prayers that will be heard.
Bless us as we meet together,
Dear Lord we pray.
Amen

Hymn

My Life is in You, Lord

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(Refrain)

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.
My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.

I will praise you with all of my life,
I will praise you with all of my strength;
with all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in you.

(Refrain)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People 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

Covenant Prayer

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offering

Offertory

Arietta... Edvard Grieg

Scripture: Ephesians 2: 8-10

Message: Betty Confetti

Hymn

The Gift of Love

UMH 408, vs. 1,2, and 3

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 883

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,**

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen

Sending Forth

Postlude

Shalom to You

We welcome Tarron McCord and thank her for sharing her beautiful music with us 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. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.

Unspoken. **Becki**, needs special prayers diagnosed with lung cancer. **Louise Woods**, Carolina Pines is now allowing visitors, Louise is in room 225 and would love to have visits. **Lori Johnson**, prayers for upcoming medical test. **Bobby Burkin**, is at home now and will be following up with his medical doctor. **Bianca York**, upcoming surgery this month. **Doris Pruitt**, who has had some health issues at home. **Linda and Dan Rozelle**, wish to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, and calls during Linda's recent illness. She is stronger every day, Blessings to all. **Trudy Sillmon**, at home recovering from a fall and broken bones. **Keith Eller**, moved to Guilford Health Care Center for Rehab. **Eric Young**, Susan and Chuck Carrick's grandson doing better from Covid. **Abbie Samuel**, recovering from her second detached retina surgery. **Scott Stanley**, cellulitis. **Susan Carrick** with health issues. **Nancy Carrick** upcoming medical tests. **Corey Marion**, esophageal cancer. **Edna Johnson**. **Don & Clara Ellis**. **Rachel Sheppard**. **Aly Saunders**. **Judy Milligan**.

Our sympathies to the family of Sally Goin's who passed away on April 26, 2021. Sally's funeral will be at Centenary in the Sanctuary on Saturday, May 22nd at 1:00pm.



Birthdays for May – Jameson Stout (3), Coak May (5), Robb Stowe (8), Betty C. Chambers (10), Fred Wampler (12), Dot Frye (19), Bianca York (24), Dylan Sillmon (25), Spencer Deuterman & Kathy Swing (27), Susan Roach (30)

Upcoming in May

- **Thursday, May 20th 7:00pm** Starlight Book Club, we will be discussing, **The Midnight Library by Matt Haig** in the Narthex (We will meet socially distanced and wear a mask. If someone would like a Zoom link let Kelly know.)
- **Pentecost Celebration on Sunday May 23rd**
- **Sunday, May 23rd 4-5:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall, book discussion on the book **"Way of Love by" Michael Curry**. This will be in person and via zoom, contact Kelley with a link for zoom.