



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
July 25, 2021

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven.**

The hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will
worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father
seeks to worship him.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with
praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!**

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN *How Firm a Foundation* UMH 529

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Have mercy upon us, O God,
according to your lovingkindness.

According to the multitude of your tender mercies,
blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities,
and cleanse us from our sins.

For we acknowledge our transgressions,
and our sin is ever before us.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,
**and renew a right spirit within us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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. Amen**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

¹ Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

**They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
there is no one who does good.**

² The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind
to see if there are any who are wise,
who seek after God.

³ **They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;
there is no one who does good,
no, not one.**

⁴ Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not call upon the LORD?

⁵ **There they shall be in great terror,
for God is with the company of the righteous.**

⁶ You would confound the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.

⁷ **O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.**

- ⁸ Hear, my child, your father's instruction,
and do not reject your mother's teaching;
⁹ for they are a fair garland for your head,
and pendants for your neck.
¹⁰ My child, if sinners entice you,
do not consent.
¹¹ If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood;
let us wantonly ambush the innocent;
¹² like Sheol let us swallow them alive
and whole, like those who go down to the Pit.
¹³ We shall find all kinds of costly things;
we shall fill our houses with booty.
¹⁴ Throw in your lot among us;
we will all have one purse"—
¹⁵ my child, do not walk in their way,
keep your foot from their paths;
¹⁶ for their feet run to evil,
and they hurry to shed blood.
¹⁷ For in vain is the net baited
while the bird is looking on;
¹⁸ yet they lie in wait—to kill themselves!
and set an ambush—for their own lives!
¹⁹ Such is the end of all who are greedy for gain;
it takes away the life of its possessors.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION³

Shine within our hearts, loving Lord, with the true light of your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our minds, that we may comprehend the message of your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

CALL: The Word of God for the People of God.

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE TITLE: "A Template for Prayer"

PRAYER OF INVITATION

HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

Joe Bennett	Radiation Treatments
Janet Bottoms	Friend to Margie Gordy
Ron Fulp	705 Meadowlark Dr., Apt B, King, NC 27021
Cathy Hrestak	Cousin to Joe Bennett
Wanda Lingle	Cancer Treatments
Shirley Horton	Friend to Joe and Pat Bennett
Chris	Friend to Keith White
Wanda Manning	
Debbie Weeden	Daughter-in-law to Becky Weeden
Johnny Ogburn	Brother to Sara Overton
Christian Willard and family	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During August, worship time will begin at 11:15 a.m.

We will hold a reception for our new pastor, Craig Toth, **TODAY**, July 25, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Come and welcome. Pastor Craig Toth and family.

HOMECOMING will be celebrated Sunday, August 8, at 11:15 a.m. Pastor Craig will be our speaker. A covered dish lunch will follow Worship Service.

Breakfast for Supper is held on the first Friday evening of each month, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The next will be August 6.

1. *United Methodist Book of Worship*, 450.
2. *Ibid.* 475.
3. *The Worship Sourcebook*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, 143.

WELCOME FROM HICKORY RIDGE

We've been waiting for you! We believe that every person who comes into this special fellowship is sent by God, himself. Above all else, we want to express Christ's love for you with genuine, heartfelt warmth. We are eager to know you, and we are excited to share with you the marvelous ways God is working in our church and in our lives. It will not take long to discover that this is truly a family, rich in the relationships that matter most. Our hearts, our doors, and our minds are open. If you have been thinking, praying, searching for a place to belong, we say to you, "Welcome home!"

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

At Hickory Ridge United Methodist Church, our purpose is to communicate God's Word through evangelism, to provide fellowship and community to believers, to educate God's people through discipleship, to demonstrate God's love through service, and to celebrate God's presence in worship.

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