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# HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Bulletin  
August 8, 2021

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 8, 2021**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

God of all the ages, in your sight nations rise and fall, and pass through times of peril. Now when our land is troubled, be near to judge and save. May leaders be led by your wisdom; may they search your will and see it clearly. If we have turned from your way, reverse our ways and help us to repent. Give us your light and your truth, let them guide us; through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of this world, and our Savior. Amen.

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN     *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*     UMH 540

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

Almighty and merciful God, we know that when we offend another, we offend you. We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of hate to cloud our souls, hiding the light from our unseeking eyes. We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to our brothers and sisters when they failed to live up to our expectations. Grant that we might find that spark of love that ever burns within us, the love that you have shown to us even when we failed you. Fan the embers of that love until it roars again in flames of love, peace, and reconciliation. Forgive us our sins and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us. Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of all. 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**

### OFFERATORY PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

### 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!**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!**

<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

**<sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

**<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.

**<sup>8</sup> It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.**

<sup>20</sup> Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.

<sup>21</sup> At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

<sup>22</sup> "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?"

<sup>23</sup> Give heed to my reproof;  
I will pour out my thoughts to you;  
I will make my words known to you.

<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

<sup>25</sup> and because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,

26 I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when panic strikes you,  
27 when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.  
28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.  
29 Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,  
30 would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,  
31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.  
32 For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;  
33 but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION<sup>3</sup>

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 6:35, 41-51

35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” 42 They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” 43 Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves.

<sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE TITLE: "This is the Bread of Life" Pastor Craig

PRAYER OF INVITATION

HYMN *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* UMH 474

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

## PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

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

The Family of

Friend to Joe and Pat Bennett

Shirley Horton

Wanda Manning

Debbie Weeden

Daughter-in-law to Becky Weeden

Johnny Ogburn

Brother to Sara Overton

Christian Willard and family

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is **HOME COMING**. Pastor Craig is our speaker.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**, Thursday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m.

**BREAKFAST FOR SUPPER** is held on the first Friday of each month, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Next one is September 3.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL** meeting, Tuesday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m.

1. *United Methodist Book of Worship*, #517
2. *Ibid.*, #481
3. <https://prayerist.com/prayer/illuminationumc.html>

## 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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