



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
September 5, 2021

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
September 5, 2021**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Our heavenly Father, we your humble children invoke your blessing on us. We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life. Unto you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVOCATION

HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* UMH 57

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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 Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- ² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**
- ³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
- ⁴ **When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**
- ⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,
- ⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
- ⁷ **who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.**
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- ⁸ **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
- ⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers;
**he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**
- ¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

- 13 Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
14 for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
15 She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
16 Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.
17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.
19 The LORD by wisdom founded the earth;
by understanding he established the heavens;
20 by his knowledge the deeps broke open,
and the clouds drop down the dew.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION²

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.

¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE TITLE	"Love Acts"	Pastor Craig
HOLY COMMUNION		UMH 12-15
HYMN	<i>He Touched Me</i>	UMH 367
DISMISSAL AND BLESSING		
POSTLUDE		

PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

Janet Bottoms	Friend to Margie Gordy
Carl Crouse	5820 Germanton Road, W-S, NC 27105
Don Fulp	Brother of Ron Fulp
Jo Fulp	Sister-in-law to Ron Fulp
Ron Fulp	705 Meadowlark Dr., Apt B, King, NC 27021
Cathy Hrestak	Cousin to Joe Bennett
Tim Greer	Brother to Sandy Stomean
Tommy Lawson	
Wanda Lingle	Cancer Treatments
Wanda Manning	
Debbie Weeden	Daughter-in-law to Becky Weeden
Johnny Ogburn	Brother to Sara Overton
Christian Willard and Family	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN are now collecting school supplies for Gibson Elementary School. Please bring in school supply donations until Thursday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. (the next UMW meeting.)

The UMW will be making chicken pies on Sept. 13. If you would like to donate chicken, please contact Dot Lawson.

AUTUMN FESTIVAL BAZAAR will on Saturday, Oct. 16. If you would like to rent a table, contact Dianne Raynor.

BREAKFAST FOR SUPPER is held on the first Friday of each month, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Next one is October 1.

1. *United Methodist Book of Worship*, #462
2. <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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