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# HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Bulletin  
September 26, 2021

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 26, 2021**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

**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

HYMN *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* UMH 126

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*All offer prayers of confession in silence.*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>2</sup>

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> If it had not been the LORD who was on our side  
—let Israel now say—
- <sup>2</sup> **if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,  
when our enemies attacked us,**
- <sup>3</sup> **then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;**
- <sup>4</sup> then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;
- <sup>5</sup> **then over us would have gone  
the raging waters.**
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed be the LORD,  
who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth.
- <sup>7</sup> **We have escaped like a bird  
from the snare of the fowlers;**  
the snare is broken,  
and we have escaped.
- <sup>8</sup> **Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**

- <sup>1</sup> Listen, children, to a father's instruction,  
and be attentive, that you may gain<sup>[a]</sup> insight;
- <sup>2</sup> for I give you good precepts:  
do not forsake my teaching.
- <sup>3</sup> When I was a son with my father,  
tender, and my mother's favorite,
- <sup>4</sup> he taught me, and said to me,  
"Let your heart hold fast my words;  
keep my commandments, and live.
- <sup>5</sup> Get wisdom; get insight: do not forget, nor turn away  
from the words of my mouth.
- <sup>6</sup> Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;  
love her, and she will guard you.
- <sup>7</sup> The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,  
and whatever else you get, get insight.
- <sup>8</sup> Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;  
she will honor you if you embrace her.
- <sup>9</sup> She will place on your head a fair garland;  
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown."

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.

<sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup> you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's<sup>[b]</sup> soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE TITLE      "Prayer of the Righteous"      Pastor Craig

PRAYER OF INVITATION

HYMN                      *Rescue the Perishing*                      UMH 591

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

## PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

Janet Bottoms

Friend to Margie Gordy

Don Fulp

Brother of Ron Fulp

Jo Fulp

Sister-in-law to Ron Fulp

David Clayton

Cousin to Billy Gordy

Louise Coley

Tim Greer

Brother to Sandy Stomean

Tommy Lawson

Wanda Lingle

Cancer Treatments

Wanda Manring

Debbie Weeden

Daughter-in-law to Becky Weeden

Johnny Ogburn

Brother to Sara Overton

Christian Willard and

Family

Rick Lane

Husband to Janice Lane

Shirley Hudson

Friend to Dianne Raynor

Dorothy Barber

Friend to Dianne Raynor

Richard Thomas

Cousin to Becky Montgomery

Nancy

Friend in the community

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL** will be held on Tuesday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m.

**The AUTUMN FESTIVAL BAZAAR** will be October 16, 8 am to 12 pm, and will be held outside—rain or shine. We will need a variety of cookies, pots of soup, and, or course, all the other usual goodies (cakes, pies, casseroles). We will also have vendors. Breakfast sandwiches, hamburgers, hotdogs and pinto beans will be available.

1. *United Methodist Book of Worship*, #450
2. *Ibid.*, #482
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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