



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
October 3, 2021

**World Communion Sunday
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CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. Amen.

INVOCATION

HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together* **UMH 618**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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!**

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
**The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**
- ² When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.
- ³ **Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.**
- ⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
**to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.**
- ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.
- ⁶ **Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

- ¹⁰ Hear, my child, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.
- ¹¹ I have taught you the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
- ¹² When you walk, your step will not be hampered;
and if you run, you will not stumble.
- ¹³ Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.
- ¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked,
and do not walk in the way of evildoers.
- ¹⁵ Avoid it; do not go on it;
turn away from it and pass on.
- ¹⁶ For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made
someone stumble.
- ¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness
and drink the wine of violence.
- ¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.
- ¹⁹ The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;
they do not know what they stumble over.
- ²⁰ My child, be attentive to my words;
incline your ear to my sayings.
- ²¹ Do not let them escape from your sight;
keep them within your heart.
- ²² For they are life to those who find them,
and healing to all their flesh.
- ²³ Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.
- ²⁴ Put away from you crooked speech,
and put devious talk far from you.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Continued)

- ²⁵ Let your eyes look directly forward,
and your gaze be straight before you.
²⁶ Keep straight the path of your feet,
and all your ways will be sure.
²⁷ Do not swerve to the right or to the left;
turn your foot away from evil.

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 10:13-16

¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE "The Foundation of Discipleship" Pastor Craig

HOLY COMMUNION UMH 12-15

HYMN *My Hope Is Built* UMH 368

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

Betsey Harper

Cousin to Becky Montgomery

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

Scott Lane

Son 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

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.

If you bake, please bring something good to the Bake Sale.

1. *United Methodist Book of Worship*, #479
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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