



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
October 10, 2021

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 10, 2021**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

INVOCATION

HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH 103

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good: We gather to give you our thanks, yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness. What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty, with little thought of those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving; and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS²

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!**

- ¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place^[a]
in all generations.
- ² **Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
- ³ You turn us^[b] back to dust,
and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”
- ⁴ **For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**
- ⁵ You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
- ⁶ **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.**
- ¹³ Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
- ¹⁴ **Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**
- ¹⁵ Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.
- ¹⁶ **Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.**
- ¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

- ¹ Listen, children, to a father’s instruction,
and be attentive, that you may gain^[a] insight;
- ² for I give you good precepts:
My child, be attentive to my wisdom;
incline your ear to my understanding,
- ² so that you may hold on to prudence,
and your lips may guard knowledge.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Continued)

- ³ For the lips of a loose woman drip honey,
and her speech is smoother than oil;
⁴ but in the end she is bitter as wormwood,
sharp as a two-edged sword.
⁵ Her feet go down to death;
her steps follow the path to Sheol.
⁶ She does not keep straight to the path of life;
her ways wander, and she does not know it.
⁷ And now, my child,^[b] listen to me,
and do not depart from the words of my mouth.
⁸ Keep your way far from her,
and do not go near the door of her house;
⁹ or you will give your honor to others,
and your years to the merciless,
¹⁰ and strangers will take their fill of your wealth,
and your labors will go to the house of an alien;
¹¹ and at the end of your life you will groan,
when your flesh and body are consumed,
¹² and you say, "Oh, how I hated discipline,
and my heart despised reproof!
¹³ I did not listen to the voice of my teachers
or incline my ear to my instructors.
¹⁴ Now I am at the point of utter ruin
in the public assembly."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION³

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

Hebrew 4:12-16

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE TITLE “Jesus, Our High Priest” Pastor Craig

PRAYER OF INVITATION

HYMN *O Jesus, I Have Promised* UMH 396

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

Dorothy Barber Friend of Dianne Raynor

Janet Bottoms Friend to Margie Gordy

Larry and Kay Chunn Friends in neighborhood

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

Rick Lane Husband of Janice Lane

Scott Lane Son of Janice Lane

Tommy Lawson

Wanda Lingle Cancer Treatments

Wanda Manning

Johnny Ogburn Brother to Sara Overton

Betty Stanley Cousin to Wanda Manning

Richard Thomas Cousin to Lawson Family

Debbie Weeden Daughter-in-law to Becky Weeden

Nancy Friend in the community

Shirley Hudson family

Christian Willard and

Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet on Thursday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m.

The FALL 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*, #464
2. *Ibid.*, #485
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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