



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
October 17, 2021

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 2021**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts on us than we are to seek them, and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

INVOCATION

HYMN *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* UMH 514

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Almighty and all-loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled the world to yourself. Help us now to be reconciled with one another, that again we might dwell in the warmth of your love. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to put aside the cloak of pride and put on Christ, that we might forgive and be forgiven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Bless the LORD, O my soul.
O LORD my God, you are very great.
 You are clothed with honor and majesty,
² wrapped in light as with a garment.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
³ **you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,**
 you make the clouds your chariot,
 you ride on the wings of the wind,
⁴ **you make the winds your messengers,**
fire and flame your ministers.
⁵ You set the earth on its foundations,
 so that it shall never be shaken.
⁶ **You cover it with the deep as with a garment;**
the waters stood above the mountains.
⁷ At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
⁸ They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys
 to the place that you appointed for them.
⁹ **You set a boundary that they may not pass,**
so that they might not again cover the earth.
²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
³⁵ **Praise the LORD!**

- 15 Drink water from your own cistern,
 flowing water from your own well.
- 16 Should your springs be scattered abroad,
 streams of water in the streets?
- 17 Let them be for yourself alone,
 and not for sharing with strangers.
- 18 Let your fountain be blessed,
 and rejoice in the wife of your youth,
- 19 a lovely deer, a graceful doe.
 May her breasts satisfy you at all times;
 may you be intoxicated always by her love.
- 20 Why should you be intoxicated, my son, by another
 woman
 and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?
- 21 For human ways are under the eyes of the LORD,
 and he examines all their paths.
- 22 The iniquities of the wicked ensnare them,
 and they are caught in the toils of their sin.
- 23 They die for lack of discipline,
 and because of their great folly they are lost.

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.

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “A Kingdom of Servant Leaders” Pastor Craig

PRAYER OF INVITATION

HYMN

Pass It On

UMH 572

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

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

Janice Lane May need surgery

Tommy Lawson

Wanda Lingle Cancer Treatments

Wanda Manring

Johnny Ogburn Brother to Sara Overton

Betty Stanley Cousin to Wanda Manring

Richard Thomas Cousin to Lawson Family

Debbie Weeden Daughter-in-law to Becky Weeden

Nancy Friend in the community

Christian Willard and
Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet on Thursday,
October 21, at 7:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL will meet on Monday,
November 1, at 7:00 p.m.

CHARGE CONFERENCE will be held at New Mount Vernon
on Sunday, November 21, at 5:00 p.m.

1. *United Methodist Book of Worship*, #467
2. *Ibid.*, #489
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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