



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
October 24, 2021

**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 24, 2021**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Enable us, O God, to be wise in our actions and in our use of the resources of the earth, sharing them in justice, partaking of them in gratitude. May we walk good paths, O God, living on the earth as sisters and brothers should, rejoicing in one another's blessing, sympathizing in one another's sorrows, and together look to you, seeking the new heaven and earth. We pray that water might be pure and available to all, and that we, too, may be purified so that life may be sustained and nurtured over the entire face of the earth. May the air we breathe be purified and may our lives feel that breath of the Spirit, strengthening and encouraging us.

HYMN

O How I Love Jesus

UMH 170

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

God of all nations, we praise you that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds to those of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in 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 I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³ O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
- ⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵ Look to him, and be radiant;
so your^[a] faces shall never be ashamed.
- ⁶ This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.
- ⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- ⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
- ⁹ O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
- ¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
- ¹¹ Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- ¹² Which of you desires life,
and covets many days to enjoy good?
- ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking deceit.
- ¹⁴ Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
- ¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.

- My child, if you have given your pledge to your neighbor,
 if you have bound yourself to another,
² you are snared by the utterance of your lips,
 caught by the words of your mouth.
³ So do this, my child, and save yourself,
 for you have come into your neighbor's power:
 go, hurry,^[c] and plead with your neighbor.
⁴ Give your eyes no sleep
 and your eyelids no slumber;
⁵ save yourself like a gazelle from the hunter,
 like a bird from the hand of the fowler.
⁶ Go to the ant, you lazybones;
 consider its ways, and be wise.
⁷ Without having any chief
 or officer or ruler,
⁸ it prepares its food in summer,
 and gathers its sustenance in harvest.
⁹ How long will you lie there, O lazybones?
 When will you rise from your sleep?
¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber,
 a little folding of the hands to rest,
¹¹ and poverty will come upon you like a robber,
 and want, like an armed warrior.
¹² A scoundrel and a villain
 goes around with crooked speech,
¹³ winking the eyes, shuffling the feet,
 pointing the fingers,
¹⁴ with perverted mind devising evil,
 continually sowing discord;
¹⁵ on such a one calamity will descend suddenly;
 in a moment, damage beyond repair.

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

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

"Tell Jesus What You Want"

Pastor Craig

PRAYER OF INVITATION

HYMN

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

UMH 351

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 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

Christian Willard and
Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet on Thursday,
November 11, 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*, #470
2. *Ibid.*, #492
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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