



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
November 7, 2021

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
November 7, 2021**

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Almighty and merciful God, our souls thirst for you both day and night. You are the author of our salvation, and you give us everything we need for fruitful living. Now we come into this house of thanksgiving to offer praise to your holy Name and to sing our songs of thanksgiving.

INVOCATION

HYMN *Maker, in Whom We Live* UMH 88

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 Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

² Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

¹ My child, keep my words
and store up my commandments with you;
² keep my commandments and live,
keep my teachings as the apple of your eye;
³ bind them on your fingers,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
⁴ Say to wisdom, "You are my sister,"
and call insight your intimate friend,
⁵ that they may keep you from the loose^[a] woman,
from the adulteress with her smooth words.

⁶ For at the window of my house
I looked out through my lattice,
⁷ and I saw among the simple ones,
I observed among the youths,
a young man without sense,
⁸ passing along the street near her corner,
taking the road to her house
⁹ in the twilight, in the evening,
at the time of night and darkness.

¹⁰ Then a woman comes toward him,
decked out like a prostitute, wily of heart.^[b]
¹¹ She is loud and wayward;
her feet do not stay at home;
¹² now in the street, now in the squares,
and at every corner she lies in wait.
¹³ She seizes him and kisses him,
and with impudent face she says to him:
¹⁴ "I had to offer sacrifices,
and today I have paid my vows;
¹⁵ so now I have come out to meet you,
to seek you eagerly, and I have found you!

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Continued)

- ¹⁶ I have decked my couch with coverings,
colored spreads of Egyptian linen;
¹⁷ I have perfumed my bed with myrrh,
aloes, and cinnamon.
¹⁸ Come, let us take our fill of love until morning;
let us delight ourselves with love.
¹⁹ For my husband is not at home;
he has gone on a long journey.
²⁰ He took a bag of money with him;
he will not come home until full moon.”
- ²¹ With much seductive speech she persuades him;
with her smooth talk she compels him.
²² Right away he follows her,
and goes like an ox to the slaughter,
or bounds like a stag toward the trap^[c]
²³ until an arrow pierces its entrails.
He is like a bird rushing into a snare,
not knowing that it will cost him his life.
- ²⁴ And now, my children, listen to me,
and be attentive to the words of my mouth.
²⁵ Do not let your hearts turn aside to her ways;
do not stray into her paths.
²⁶ For many are those she has laid low,
and numerous are her victims.
²⁷ Her house is the way to Sheol,
going down to the chambers of death.

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.

³⁸ As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE "Status seeking, Kingdom seeking" Pastor Craig

HOLY COMMUNION UMH 12-15

HYMN *Take My Life, and Let It Be* UMH 399

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

Rick Lane

Husband of Janice Lane

Scott Lane

Son of Janice Lane

Janice Lane

May need surgery

Tori Lane

Granddaughter to Janice Lane

Wanda Lingle

Cancer Treatments

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

Jim & Nancy

Wimpish

Cousins to Lawson Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Methodist Women, Thursday, Nov. 11, 7:00 p.m.

Charge Conference will be held at New Mount Vernon on Sunday, Nov. 21, 5:00 p.m.

1. *United Methodist Book of Worship*, #459
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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