



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
November 14, 2021

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 14, 2021**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

We give thanks to you, God our Father,
for mercy that reaches out,
for patience that waits our returning,
for you love that is ever ready
to welcome sinners.

**We praise you that in Jesus Christ
you came to us with forgiveness,
and that, by your Holy Spirit,
you moved us to repent
and receive your love.**

Though we are sinners,
you are faithful and worthy of all praise.

**We praise you, great God,
in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

INVOCATION

HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH 89

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have
done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have
done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS³

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!**

PSALTER READING

Psalm 16:5-11

- ⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- ⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- ⁸ I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
- ¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.
- ¹¹ You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 8:1-21

- ¹ Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
- ² On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- ³ beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
- ⁴ "To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
- ⁵ O simple ones, learn prudence;
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.
- ⁶ Hear, for I will speak noble things,
and from my lips will come what is right;
- ⁷ for my mouth will utter truth;
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
- ⁸ All the words of my mouth are righteous;
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Continued)

- ⁹ They are all straight to one who understands
and right to those who find knowledge.
- ¹⁰ Take my instruction instead of silver,
and knowledge rather than choice gold;
- ¹¹ for wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.
- ¹² I, wisdom, live with prudence,^[a]
and I attain knowledge and discretion.
- ¹³ The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.
- ¹⁴ I have good advice and sound wisdom;
I have insight, I have strength.
- ¹⁵ By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;
- ¹⁶ by me rulers rule,
and nobles, all who govern rightly.
- ¹⁷ I love those who love me,
and those who seek me diligently find me.
- ¹⁸ Riches and honor are with me,
enduring wealth and prosperity.
- ¹⁹ My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my yield than choice silver.
- ²⁰ I walk in the way of righteousness,
along the paths of justice,
- ²¹ endowing with wealth those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION⁴

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.

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’^[a] and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

”Birth of the Kingdom”

Pastor Craig

HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

UMH 361

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

Alan Martin

Friend of Harold Kincaid

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

Christian Willard and

Family

Nancy Wimpish

Cousins to Lawson Family

The family of Jim Wimpish

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charge Conference will be held at New Mount Vernon on Sunday, Nov. 21, 5:00 p.m., followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall.

United Methodist Women, Thursday, Dec. 9, 7:00 p.m.

1. *The Worship Sourcebook*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, p. 66.
2. *Ibid.*, p. 90.
3. *United Methodist Book of Worship*, 475.
4. <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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