



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
February 20, 2022

**Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 20, 2022**

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER¹

O God,
you spoke your word
and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.
Fill all creation with that word again,
so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations
and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples,
we may become one living body,
your incarnate presence on the earth. **Amen.**

HYMN

O Worship the King

UMH 73

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

God of everlasting love,
we confess that we have been unfaithful
to our covenant with you and with one another.
We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed,
and convenience.
We have served our own self-interest
instead of serving only you and your people.
We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.
**Forgive us, gracious God,
and bring us back into the fullness
of our covenant with you and one another.
Through Christ, our Lord. 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

OFFERTORY PRAYER & OFFERTORY

Each Sunday we collect loose change that will be given to a designated mission. The mission for this month is House of Refuge. If you feel led to contribute, please do.

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!**



- 18 The simple are adorned with folly,
but the clever are crowned with knowledge.
- 19 The evil bow down before the good,
the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
- 20 The poor are disliked even by their neighbors,
but the rich have many friends.
- 21 Those who despise their neighbors are sinners,
but happy are those who are kind to the poor.
- 22 Do they not err that plan evil?
Those who plan good find loyalty and faithfulness.
- 23 In all toil there is profit,
but mere talk leads only to poverty.
- 24 The crown of the wise is their wisdom,
but folly is the garland of fools.
- 25 A truthful witness saves lives,
but one who utters lies is a betrayer.
- 26 In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence,
and one's children will have a refuge.
- 27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,
so that one may avoid the snares of death.
- 28 The glory of a king is a multitude of people;
without people a prince is ruined.
- 29 Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding,
but one who has a hasty temper exalts folly.
- 30 A tranquil mind gives life to the flesh,
but passion makes the bones rot.
- 31 Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker,
but those who are kind to the needy honor him.
- 32 The wicked are overthrown by their evildoing,
but the righteous find a refuge in their integrity.
- 33 Wisdom is at home in the mind of one who has
understanding,
but it is not known in the heart of fools.

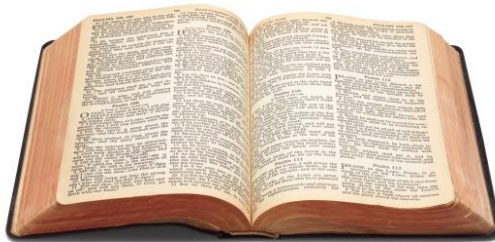
OLD TESTAMENT READING (Continued)

³⁴ Righteousness exalts a nation,
but sin is a reproach to any people.

³⁵ A servant who deals wisely has the king's favor,
but his wrath falls on one who acts shamefully.

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.



Holy Bible

SCRIPTURE FOR MESSAGE

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

SCRIPTURE FOR MESSAGE (Continued)

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.^[a] Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “The Golden Rule Today” Pastor Craig

HYMN *Freely, Freely* UMH 389

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

Janet Bottoms

Friend to Margie Gordy

Michelle Barker

Friend to Dianne Raynor

Louise Coley

Ray Dillon

Surgery February 23

Wait Frye

Cousin to Pat Bennett

The Family of

Brother of Billy Gordy

Larry Gordy

Mr. Grantham

Friend to Sara Overton

Betsey Harper

Cousin to Becky Montgomery

Chuck Hrestak

Cousin to Joe Bennett

Rick Lane

Husband of Janice Lane

Scott Lane

Son of Janice Lane

Janice Lane

May need surgery

Tommy Lawson

Keep in our prayers after surgery

Wanda Lingle

Cancer Treatments

Alan Martin

Friend of Harold Kincaid

Johnny Ogburn

Brother to Sara Overton

Naomi Robertson

Cousin to Lawson Family

Richard Thomas

Cousin to Lawson Family

Debbie Weeden

Daughter-in-law to Becky Weeden

Christian Willard and Family

Nancy Wimpish

Cousins to Lawson Family

Mark Winfree

Friend to Keith White

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday, March 2, we will have a light lunch at 11:30 am and Lenten Reflection at 12:30 pm. Those attending the lunch are asked to bring finger foods to share.

A weekly devotional will be held at 12:30 pm each Wednesday during the Lenten Season.

The Friday Night Fundraiser will be March 4 from 4:30 to 6:30.

1. <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers.php?id=113>.
2. <https://worshipresourceblog.wordpress.com/category/prayers-of-confession/> from *The Worship Sourcebook*, ©2004, *Faith Alive Christian Resources*
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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