



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
April 10, 2022

**Palm Sunday
April 10, 2022**

PRELUDE

*THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE (with palm branches raised)
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

OPENING PRAYER¹

Almighty God,
on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered
the holy city of Jerusalem
and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments
and palm branches along his way.
Let those branches be for us signs of his victory,
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our Lord,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.
In his name we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH 278

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY

Harold & Susan Kincaid

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
We know that means us, not just other folks involved in
obvious evils everyone knows about. We ask you to be
patient with us, to help us understand our own guilt. Then
pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever
transformed. In Jesus's name. **Amen.**

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS³

God sweeps into our human scene, redeeming all who turn from evil and do good. There is grace, mercy, and renewed strength for all who earnestly seek the new life Christ brings. Let us rejoice together, for even the stones cry out with good news. God forgives. We are freed from the burden of our sin. Praise God!

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

Each Sunday we collect loose change that will be given to a designated mission. The mission for this month is UMCOR Ukrainian assistance. 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!**

- 1 The one who lives alone is self-indulgent,
showing contempt for all who have sound judgment. [a]
- 2 A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,
but only in expressing personal opinion.
- 3 When wickedness comes, contempt comes also;
and with dishonor comes disgrace.
- 4 The words of the mouth are deep waters;
the fountain of wisdom is a gushing stream.
- 5 It is not right to be partial to the guilty,
or to subvert the innocent in judgment.
- 6 A fool's lips bring strife,
and a fool's mouth invites a flogging.
- 7 The mouths of fools are their ruin,
and their lips a snare to themselves.
- 8 The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels;
they go down into the inner parts of the body.
- 9 One who is slack in work
is close kin to a vandal.
- 10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower;
the righteous run into it and are safe.
- 11 The wealth of the rich is their strong city;
in their imagination it is like a high wall.
- 12 Before destruction one's heart is haughty,
but humility goes before honor.



Holy Bible

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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.

SCRIPTURE FOR MESSAGE

Luke 23:1-25

¹ Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ² They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." ³ Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." ⁵ But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place." ⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹ He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹² That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. ¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him."

SCRIPTURE FOR MESSAGE (Continued)

¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ I will therefore have him flogged and release him.” ¹⁸ Then they all shouted out together, “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!” ¹⁹ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰ Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹ but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” ²² A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” ²³ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵ He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “He Stirs Up the People” Pastor Craig

HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* UMH 280

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

1. *United Methodist Book of Worship*, p. 338.
2. Lavon Baylor, in *Flames of the Spirit*, edited by Ruth C. Duck (Pilgrim Press, 1984), 35.
3. *Ibid.*

PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

The people in Ukraine

Michelle Barker	Friend to Dianne Raynor
Iris Bennett	Sister-in-law to Kay Huneycutt
Lane Bennett	Brother to Kay Huneycutt
Ray Dillon	6065 Germanton Rd, Winston-Salem 27105
Wait Frye	Cousin to Pat Bennett
Don Fulp	Brother to Ron Fulp
Bruce Hall	Friends to Keith & Martha White
Betsey Harper	Cousin to Becky Montgomery
Rick Lane	Husband to Janice Lane
Scott Lane	Son to Janice Lane
Janice Lane	May need surgery
Chad Lawson	Grandson to Ruby Roseberry
Wanda Lingle	Cancer Treatments
Alan Martin	Friend of Harold Kincaid
Gay Moorefield	Friend in neighborhood
Johnny Ogburn	Brother to Sara Overton
Donna Sims	Friend to Margie Gordy
Richard Thomas	Cousin to Lawson Family
Mark Wall	Friend to Margie Gordy
Debbie Weeden	Daughter-in-law to Becky Weeden
Christian Willard and Family	
Nancy Wimpish	Cousin to Lawson Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drive Thru and Bake Sale Fundraiser. Breakfast sandwiches, hamburgers (\$3.50), hotdogs (\$2), pinto beans and cornbread. Next Friday, **April 15, 7:30 am to 1:30 pm.**

If you would like to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country, designate your gift "Ukrainian assistance" (make check payable to Hickory Ridge UMC) by April 10. One hundred percent of all contributions go to the designated cause.

We will have the Living Cross next Sunday. Please bring flowers to help fill the cross.

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.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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Clara Long, Pianist/Organist