



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday
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PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER¹

This is the good news—
the grave is empty;
Christ is risen.

Alleluia!

This is the good news—
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.

Alleluia!

This is the good news—
once we were no people;
now we are God's people.

Alleluia!

Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace
we now share will each other.

Alleluia!

*HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

UMH 302

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy God, as we draw near to the mouth of the tomb and find the stone rolled away, as we bend with racing hearts to look inside, we are struck dumb. All our words are as prattle before the awe and majesty of your power. In silence, we bow before you, for we have fallen short of the glory for which you created us.

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS³

***People:* Lord, have mercy upon us, and make us worthy to be called your own.**

In the empty tomb, God declares that nothing can separate us from the love of God; nothing we have done, or left undone; no one whom we have been or failed to be. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Alleluia! 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

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!**

- 13 If one gives answer before hearing,
it is folly and shame.
- 14 The human spirit will endure sickness;
but a broken spirit—who can bear?
- 15 An intelligent mind acquires knowledge,
and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
- 16 A gift opens doors;
it gives access to the great.
- 17 The one who first states a case seems right,
until the other comes and cross-examines.
- 18 Casting the lot puts an end to disputes
and decides between powerful contenders.
- 19 An ally offended is stronger than a city;
such quarreling is like the bars of a castle.
- 20 From the fruit of the mouth one's stomach is satisfied;
the yield of the lips brings satisfaction.
- 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.
- 22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing,
and obtains favor from the LORD.
- 23 The poor use entreaties,
but the rich answer roughly.
- 24 Some friends play at friendship
but a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin.



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

John 20:1-18

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

SCRIPTURE FOR MESSAGE (Continued)

¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “The day of new beginnings” Pastor Craig

*HYMN *He Lives* UMH 310

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

1. *The Worship Sourcebook*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, 2004. p. 628.
2. *Karen Pidcock-Lester, in The Abingdon Women’s Preaching Annual, Series 2, Year A, compiled and edited by Lenora Tubbs Tisdale, (Abingdon, 2000), 102-103.*
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
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
Sarah Overton	6155 Stanleyville Dr.
Carrol Roseberry	
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

The **Administrative Council** meets Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 pm.

If the fellowship hall work is finished on time, we will be able to hold the **Breakfast for Supper Fundraiser** on May 6, 2022.

The **United Methodist Women** will meet on the second Friday of each month at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will be May 13.

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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