



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
April 24, 2022

**Second Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022**

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER¹

O living Christ, as the good news of Easter energized your first disciples to establish dynamic Christian communities, so energize us to dynamic life within our congregation. As your Spirit gave them courage to stand tall before the powers of this world, so empower us to proclaim your gospel and struggle for justice and peace. By your presence with us now, make us one in love and mission. **Amen.**

*HYMN

Thine Be the Glory

UMH 308

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Almighty and all-loving God,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you have reconciled the world to yourself.
Help us now to be reconciled with one another,
that again we might dwell in the warmth of your love.
Inspire us with your Holy Spirit
to put aside the cloak of pride and put on Christ,
that we might forgive and be forgiven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS³

The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving, and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon. 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 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 Better the poor walking in integrity
than one perverse of speech who is a fool.
- 2 Desire without knowledge is not good,
and one who moves too hurriedly misses the way.
- 3 One's own folly leads to ruin,
yet the heart rages against the LORD.
- 4 Wealth brings many friends,
but the poor are left friendless.
- 5 A false witness will not go unpunished,
and a liar will not escape.
- 6 Many seek the favor of the generous,
and everyone is a friend to a giver of gifts.
- 7 If the poor are hated even by their kin,
how much more are they shunned by their friends!
When they call after them, they are not there.^[a]
- 8 To get wisdom is to love oneself;
to keep understanding is to prosper.
- 9 A false witness will not go unpunished,
and the liar will perish.
- 10 It is not fitting for a fool to live in luxury,
much less for a slave to rule over princes.
- 11 Those with good sense are slow to anger,
and it is their glory to overlook an offense.
- 12 A king's anger is like the growling of a lion,
but his favor is like dew on the grass.
- 13 A stupid child is ruin to a father,
and a wife's quarreling is a continual dripping of rain.
- 14 House and wealth are inherited from parents,
but a prudent wife is from the LORD.



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 20:19-31 (NRSV)

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

SCRIPTURE FOR MESSAGE (Continued)

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “Blessed and More Blessed!” Pastor Craig

*HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* UMH 327

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

1. Ruth Duck, *Bread for the Journey*, Ruth Duck, ed., (Pilgrim Press, 1981), 47.
2. *United Methodist Book of Worship*, p. 489.
3. *Ibid.*, p. 478.

PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

The people in Ukraine

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| 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 |
| Brooke Blevins | Friend to Dianne Raynor |
| Wanda Lingle | Cancer Treatments |
| Alan Martin | Friend of Harold Kincaid |
| Tappy McMillian | Sister-in-law to Sara Overton |
| Gay Moorefield | Friend in neighborhood |
| Johnny Ogburn | Brother to Sara Overton |
| Sarah Overton | 6155 Stanleyville Drive, NC 27045 |
| Carrol Roseberry | P.O. Box 248, Germanton, NC 27019 |
| 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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