



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
May 8, 2022

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER¹

Leader: Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and all the women who have loved us.

All: Thank you God for giving us mothers.

Leader: We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

All: Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know that God understood.

Leader: We take time to remember our mothers because a mother's love is most like God's love.

All: For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.

*HYMN

The Gift of Love

UMH 408

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTHER'S DAY PRESENTATIONS

Dianne Raynor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

All-merciful, tender God, you have given birth to our world, conceiving and bearing all that lives and breathes.

We come to you as your daughters and sons,
aware of our aggression and anger,
our drive to dominate and manipulate others.

We ask you to forgive us,

and by the gentle touch of your Spirit

help us to find a renewed sense of compassion,

that we may truly live as your people in service to all. **Amen.**

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 & PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERATORY PRAYER & OFFERTORY

Each Sunday we collect loose change that will be given to a designated mission. The mission for this month is Senior Services Meals on Wheels. 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 Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler,
and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.
- 2 The dread anger of a king is like the growling of a lion;
anyone who provokes him to anger forfeits life itself.
- 3 It is honorable to refrain from strife,
but every fool is quick to quarrel.
- 4 The lazy person does not plow in season;
harvest comes, and there is nothing to be found.
- 5 The purposes in the human mind are like deep water,
but the intelligent will draw them out.
- 6 Many proclaim themselves loyal,
but who can find one worthy of trust?
- 7 The righteous walk in integrity—
happy are the children who follow them!
- 8 A king who sits on the throne of judgment
winnows all evil with his eyes.
- 9 Who can say, "I have made my heart clean;
I am pure from my sin"?
- 10 Diverse weights and diverse measures
are both alike an abomination to the LORD.
- 11 Even children make themselves known by their acts,
by whether what they do is pure and right.
- 12 The hearing ear and the seeing eye—
the LORD has made them both.
- 13 Do not love sleep, or else you will come to poverty;
open your eyes, and you will have plenty of bread.
- 14 "Bad, bad," says the buyer,
then goes away and boasts.
- 15 There is gold and abundance of costly stones,
but the lips informed by knowledge are a precious jewel.

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.

SCRIPTURE FOR MESSAGE

Proverbs 31:1-9

¹ The words of King Lemuel. An oracle that his mother taught him:

² No, my son! No, son of my womb!
No, son of my vows!

³ Do not give your strength to women,
your ways to those who destroy kings.

⁴ It is not for kings, O Lemuel,
it is not for kings to drink wine
or for rulers to desire strong drink,

⁵ lest they drink and forget what has been decreed
and pervert the rights of all the afflicted.

⁶ Give strong drink to one who is perishing
and wine to those in bitter distress;

⁷ let them drink and forget their poverty
and remember their misery no more.

⁸ Speak out for those who cannot speak,
for the rights of all the destitute.

⁹ Speak out; judge righteously;
defend the rights of the poor and needy.



Holy Bible

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

“A Mother’s Heart”

Pastor Craig

*HYMN

‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

UMH 462

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE



1. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/today-we-celebrate-our-mothers>
2. *United Methodist Book of Worship*, p. 484.
3. *Ibid.*, p. 475.
4. <https://prayerist.com/prayer/illuminationumc.html>

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
Athelene Fulton	Aunt to Margie Gordy
Bruce Hall	Friends to Keith & Martha White
Betsey Harper	Cousin to Becky Montgomery
Cathy Hrestak	Cousin to Joe Bennett
Rick Lane	Husband to Janice Lane
Scott Lane	Son to Janice Lane
Janice Lane	May need surgery
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 Dr., Rural Hall, 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
Irene Wright	Aunt to Harold Kincaid

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In May the **United Methodist Women** will meet Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. We will celebrate Mother's Day with a meal.

The Change Jar collection for April was \$73.99 which was given to Ukrainian assistance.

Thank you for your generosity! We collected \$500.00 for Ukrainian assistance, which included the March and April Change Jar collection and a donation from the UMW.

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

Hickory Ridge United Methodist Church
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Clara Long, Pianist/Organist