



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
May 15, 2022

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022**

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER¹

Sing praises to God, O you saints,
and give thanks to God's holy name!

We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

We may cry through the night,
but your joy comes with the morning.

You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

You turn our mourning into dancing!

Our souls cannot be silent!

O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever! Amen.

*HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH 92

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses
and the teachings of Jesus
to direct us in the way of life.

You offer us your Holy Spirit
so that we can be born to new life as your children.

Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death
have a strong attraction

and that we often succumb to their lure.

Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life,
that we may receive your blessing. **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 Senior Services Meals on Wheels. Please contribute if you feel led.

*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!**



- 16 Take the garment of one
who has given surety for a stranger;
seize the pledge given as surety for foreigners.
- 17 Bread gained by deceit is sweet,
but afterward the mouth will be full of gravel.
- 18 Plans are established by taking advice;
wage war by following wise guidance.
- 19 A gossip reveals secrets;
therefore do not associate with a babbler.
- 20 If you curse father or mother,
your lamp will go out in utter darkness.
- 21 An estate quickly acquired in the beginning
will not be blessed in the end.
- 22 Do not say, "I will repay evil";
wait for the LORD, and he will help you.
- 23 Differing weights are an abomination to the LORD,
and false scales are not good.
- 24 All our steps are ordered by the LORD;
how then can we understand our own ways?
- 25 It is a snare for one to say rashly, "It is holy,"
and begin to reflect only after making a vow.
- 26 A wise king winnows the wicked
and drives the wheel over them.
- 27 The human spirit is the lamp of the LORD,
searching every inmost part.
- 28 Loyalty and faithfulness preserve the king,
and his throne is upheld by righteousness.^[a]
- 29 The glory of youths is their strength,
but the beauty of the aged is their gray hair.
- 30 Blows that wound cleanse away evil;
beatings make clean the innermost parts.

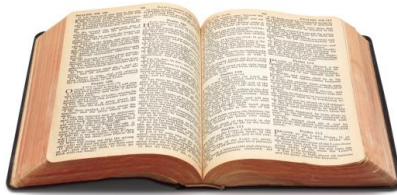
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION⁴

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

John 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”



Holy Bible

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “A Commandment to Love” Pastor Craig

*HYMN *In Christ There Is No East or West* UMH 548

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

1. *United Methodist Book of Worship*, p. 453.
2. *The Worship Sourcebook*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, p 97.
3. *United Methodist Book of Worship*, 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
Athlene	Friends to Keith & Martha White
Bruce Hall	
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	
Tommy Lawson	
Nancy Wimpish	Cousin to Lawson Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Breakfast for Supper Fundraiser, Friday, June 3, 4:30-6:30 pm.

Administrative Council, Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 pm.

The **United Methodist Women** meet on the second Friday of each month at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will be June 10.

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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Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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