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# HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Bulletin  
May 29, 2022

**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 29, 2022**

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING PRAYER<sup>1</sup>**

O Lord,  
forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

**Through your Spirit  
we stand in the assurance of your acceptance.**

Forgive us when we are shackled  
by our narrow understandings of discipleship  
and our clouded sense of purpose.

**Through your Spirit  
we are drawn into the illumination  
of your empowering love.**

Forgive us when we are frightened of the future  
or pull back from the demand of your calling.  
Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past,  
to acknowledge your grace in the present moment,  
and to trust you for our future.

**Through your Spirit  
we offer ourselves in discipleship.  
We stand together as your disciples.  
We seek renewed and renewing faith.  
Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord.  
Touch us now with your Spirit.**

\*HYMN *Fairest Lord Jesus*

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>**

Help us, O God of our salvation,  
for the glory of your name;  
**deliver us, and forgive our sins,  
for your name's sake.**

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)<sup>3</sup>

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Grant us peace.**

*All offer prayers of confession in silence.*

## 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 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 Whoever wanders from the way of understanding  
will rest in the assembly of the dead.
- 17 Whoever loves pleasure will suffer want;  
whoever loves wine and oil will not be rich.
- 18 The wicked is a ransom for the righteous  
and the faithless for the upright.
- 19 It is better to live in a desert land  
than with a contentious and fretful wife.
- 20 Precious treasure remains in the house of the wise,  
but the fool devours it.
- 21 Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness  
will find life and honor.
- 22 One wise person went up against a city of warriors  
and brought down the stronghold in which they trusted.
- 23 To watch over mouth and tongue  
is to keep out of trouble.
- 24 The proud, haughty person, named Scoffer,  
acts with arrogant pride.
- 25 The craving of the lazy person is fatal,  
for lazy hands refuse to labor.
- 26 All day long the wicked covet,  
but the righteous give and do not hold back.
- 27 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination;  
how much more when brought with evil intent.
- 28 A false witness will perish,  
but a good listener will testify successfully.
- 29 The wicked put on a bold face,  
but the upright give thought to their ways.
- 30 No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel  
can avail against the LORD.
- 31 The horse is made ready for the day of battle,  
but the victory belongs to the LORD.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION<sup>4</sup>

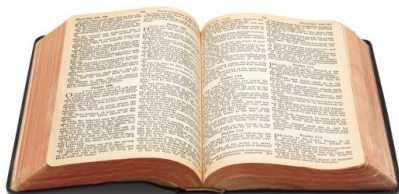
God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### SCRIPTURE TEXT

John 17:20-26 (The Message)

**20-23** I'm praying not only for them  
But also for those who will believe in me  
Because of them and their witness about me.  
The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind—  
Just as you, Father, are in me and I in you,  
So they might be one heart and mind with us.  
Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me.  
The same glory you gave me, I gave them,  
So they'll be as unified and together as we are—  
I in them and you in me.  
Then they'll be mature in this oneness,  
And give the godless world evidence  
That you've sent me and loved them  
In the same way you've loved me.

**24-26** Father, I want those you gave me  
To be with me, right where I am,  
So they can see my glory, the splendor you gave me,  
Having loved me Long before there ever was a world.



**Holy Bible**

## SCRIPTURE TEXT (Continued)

Righteous Father, the world has never known you,  
But I have known you, and these disciples know  
That you sent me on this mission.  
I have made your very being known to them—  
Who you are and what you do—  
And continue to make it known,  
So that your love for me  
Might be in them  
Exactly as I am in them.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE                      “One Heart and Mind”                      Pastor Craig

\*HYMN                      *Jesus, United by Thy Grace*                      UMH 561

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

1. From *Prayers and Readings for Worship, Volume 2*, Peter Judd, ed. (Herald Publishing House, 1996, ISBN 9780830907199), 22. Posted on the Community of Christ website. <http://www.cofchrist.org/worship12-13/13-05-12.asp> Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/04/>
2. *The Worship Sourcebook*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, p. 86.
3. Ibid., p. 87.
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
Brooke Blevins	Friend to Dianne Raynor
Delinda Dunlap-Ryan	Friend to Emily Kincaid
Wait Frye	Cousin to Pat Bennett
Ron Fulp	705 Meadowlark Dr, Apt. B, King, NC 27021
Bruce Hall	Friends to Keith & Martha White
Betsey Harper	Cousin to Becky Montgomery
Suzanne Harrison	Sister to Sandy Stomean
Cathy Hrestak	Cousin to Joe Bennett
Rick Lane	Husband to Janice Lane
Scott Lane	Son to Janice Lane
Janice Lane	
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
Carrol Roseberry	P.O. Box 248, Germanton, NC 27019
Donna Sims	Friend to Margie Gordy
Leon & Margaret Styers	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 Nancy Wimpish	Family Cousin to Lawson Family

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Administrative Council** meets Tuesday, June 7 at 7 pm.

The **United Methodist Women** meet at 3 p.m. June 10.

**Church Picnic, Sunday, June 12, 4 to 7 pm.** Hamburgers and hot dogs and homemade ice cream.

## 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