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# HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Bulletin  
June 26, 2022

**Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 26, 2022**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

God is a God who calls.

**We have gathered to worship and to hear that call.**

God is a God who equips.

**We are here to worship and to be shaped into the body of Christ.**

God is a God who sends.

**We are here to worship so that we can carry that spirit of worship out into the world where we live.**

God is a God who blesses.

**We are here to worship and to request a double share of that blessing.**

Let us worship God.

**Amen!**

\*HYMN

*Jehu, Jehu*

UMH 432

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit,  
but often find ourselves bound by works of the flesh.  
We know the whole law is summed up  
in the single commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves.  
Yet we create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors  
outside  
and tell ourselves we have no responsibility.  
Even in our own back yard we “bite and devour” one another.  
We wish it were different.  
When Jesus calls us to follow him,  
we find every excuse to instead go home  
or to the workplace to finish something more important first.  
Yet we yearn to be more centered on You.

*All offer prayers of confession in silence.*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>3</sup>

Despite our resistance, we can be assured that God's strong arm redeems the people. God calls us back to God's realm, and encourages us with a love we can never lose no matter how hard we push back, no matter how often we forget, no matter how far we stray. We need but ask and we are forgiven.

## 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!**



- 17 Do not let your heart envy sinners,  
but always continue in the fear of the LORD.
- 18 Surely there is a future,  
and your hope will not be cut off.
- 19 Hear, my child, and be wise,  
and direct your mind in the way.
- 20 Do not be among winebibbers  
or among gluttonous eaters of meat,  
21 for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty,  
and drowsiness will clothe them with rags.
- 22 Listen to your father who begot you,  
and do not despise your mother when she is old.
- 23 Buy truth, and do not sell it;  
buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding.
- 24 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice;  
he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.
- 25 Let your father and mother be glad;  
let her who bore you rejoice.
- 26 My child, give me your heart,  
and let your eyes observe my ways.
- 27 For a prostitute is a deep pit;  
an adulteress is a narrow well.
- 28 She lies in wait like a robber  
and increases the number of the faithless.
- 29 Who has woe? Who has sorrow?  
Who has strife? Who has complaining?  
Who has wounds without cause?  
Who has redness of eyes?
- 30 Those who linger late over wine,  
those who keep trying mixed wines.
- 31 Do not look at wine when it is red,  
when it sparkles in the cup  
and goes down smoothly.
- 32 At the last it bites like a serpent  
and stings like an adder.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING (Continued)

- <sup>33</sup> Your eyes will see strange things,  
and your mind utter perverse things.
- <sup>34</sup> You will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea,  
like one who lies on the top of a mast.
- <sup>35</sup> “They struck me,” you will say, “but I was not hurt;  
they beat me, but I did not feel it.  
When shall I awake?  
I will seek another drink.”

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION<sup>2</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

Galatians 5:1,13-25

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.



**Holy Bible**

## SCRIPTURE TEXT (Continued)

<sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE                      “The Fruit of the Spirit”                      Pastor Craig

\*HYMN                              *Take Up Thy Cross*                              UMH 415

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

1. Rev. Dr. Derek C. Weber, Discipleship Ministries, 2021.
2. From *Putting on the Mantle: Service Prayers for the 6th Sunday after Pentecost*, written by The Rev. Catherine Rolling. Posted on the United Church of Christ’s Worship Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>.
3. Ibid.
4. <https://prayerist.com/prayer/illuminationumc.html>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

The people in Ukraine

Cathy Barker	Friend to Dianne Raynor
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
Janet Bottoms	Friend to Margie Gordy
David Conrad	Cousin to Harold Kincaid
Delinda Dunlap-Ryan	Friend to Emily Kincaid
Wait Frye	Cousin to Pat Bennett
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	
Tom Lawson	215 Old Conrad Farm Rd, Thomasville NC 27360
Wanda Lingle	Cancer Treatments
Freddie Masencup	Friend to Sara Overton
Tappy McMillian	Sister-in-law to Sara Overton
Gay Moorefield	Friend in neighborhood
Johnny Ogburn	Brother to Sara Overton
Larry Proctor	Brother-in-law to Kay Huneycutt
Carrol Roseberry	P.O. Box 248, Germanton, NC 27019
Donna Sims	Friend to Margie Gordy
Suzanne Stomean	Daughter-in-law to Sandy Stomean
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
Martha White	
Christian Willard and Family	
Nancy Wimpish	Cousin to Lawson Family

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Breakfast for Supper Fundraiser**, Friday, July 1, 4:30--6:30 pm.

**Administrative Council**, Tuesday, July 5, 7:00 pm.

## 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