



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
July 10, 2022

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 10, 2022**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

God of Prophets,
You call all of us to be prophets.
**Like shepherds with their sheep,
you guide us in the direction you wish us to go.**
You make clear the path of goodness and righteousness.
You set a plumbline for us to follow,
an example guiding us toward the Way.
**May we be aware of your presence in our hearts today,
as we use this time to prepare us for the journey to come.**

*HYMN *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* UMH 717

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

God of Mercy,
We confess today that we, like the prophet Amos,
struggle to accept our call to be prophetic.
We have infinite excuses for why you shouldn't use us.
We are afraid to speak truth to power,
to speak of humility to egotistical systems.
Hiding behind our occupational identities,
we deny that we are all called to share the good news.
When we feel ill-prepared, grant us assurance.
When we feel unworthy, remind us of the *imago dei*
(the image of God) that resides in each of us.
When we struggle to know what words to speak,
what moves to make,
keep us in sync with your Holy Spirit, letting you guide all we do.
Give us the courage to be prophets in a world where more grace,
Peace, and love are desperately needed.
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 & 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!**



- 15 Do not lie in wait like an outlaw against the home of the righteous;
do no violence to the place where the righteous live;
- 16 for though they fall seven times, they will rise again,
but the wicked are overthrown by calamity.
- 17 Do not rejoice when your enemies fall,
and do not let your heart be glad when they stumble,
- 18 lest the LORD see it and be displeased
and turn away his anger from them.
- 19 Do not fret because of evildoers.
Do not envy the wicked,
- 20 for the evil have no future;
the lamp of the wicked will go out.
- 21 My child, fear the LORD and the king,
and do not disobey either of them,
- 22 for disaster comes from them suddenly,
and who knows the ruin that both can bring?
- 23 These also are sayings of the wise:
Partiality in judging is not good.
- 24 Whoever says to the wicked, "You are innocent,"
will be cursed by peoples, abhorred by nations,
- 25 but those who rebuke the wicked will have delight,
and a good blessing will come upon them.
- 26 One who gives an honest answer
gives a kiss on the lips.
- 27 Prepare your work outside;
get everything ready for you in the field;
and after that build your house.
- 28 Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause,
and do not deceive with your lips.
- 29 Do not say, "I will do to others as they have done to me;
I will pay them back for what they have done."

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Continued)

- ³⁰ I passed by the field of one who was lazy,
by the vineyard of a stupid person,
³¹ and see, it was all overgrown with thorns;
the ground was covered with nettles,
and its stone wall was broken down.
³² Then I saw and considered it;
I looked and received instruction.
³³ A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest,
³⁴ and poverty will come upon you like a robber,
and want, like an armed warrior.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION²

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

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹ and the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.



Holy Bible

SCRIPTURE TEXT (Continued)

¹¹ “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “The Word is Near You” Pastor Craig

*HYMN *For the Healing of the Nations* UMH 428

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

1. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/prophet-margins/fifth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/fifth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-liturgical-resources>
2. Ibid.
3. *United Methodist Book of Worship*, #478.
4. <https://prayerist.com/prayer/illuminationumc.html>

PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

The people in Ukraine

Iris Bennett	Sister-in-law to Kay Huneycutt
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	Friend 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	
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
Carrol Roseberry	P.O. Box 248, Germanton, NC 27019
Ruby Roseberry	P.O. Box 248, Germanton, NC 27019
Donna Sims	Friend to Margie Gordy
Leon & Margaret Styers	Friends 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

Shut-ins

Harold Abshire	2550 Abshire Road, Germanton, NC 27019
Ron Fulp	705 Meadowlark Drive, Apt. B, King, NC 27021
Betty Martin	Mallard Ridge, 9420 N NC Hwy, 150, Clemmons 27012
Barbara White	1294 Priddy Road, King, NC 27021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Council, Tuesday, August 2, 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

Hickory Ridge United Methodist Church
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Clara Long, Pianist/Organist