



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
July 31, 2022

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 2022**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: Give thanks to God! For God is good.

People: We give thanks for God's steadfast love.

Leader: Give thanks to God! For God's love endures.

People: We give thanks that God is at work among humankind.

Leader: Give thanks to God! For only God can satisfy us.

People: We give thanks to God for filling our spiritual hunger with good things.

Everyone: AMEN.

*HYMN *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* UMH 126

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgement.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS³

May almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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!**



- 1 Like snow in summer or rain in harvest,
so honor is not fitting for a fool.
- 2 Like a sparrow in its flitting, like a swallow in its flying,
an undeserved curse goes nowhere.
- 3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey,
and a rod for the back of fools.
- 4 Do not answer fools according to their folly,
lest you be a fool yourself.
- 5 Answer fools according to their folly,
lest they be wise in their own eyes.
- 6 It is like cutting off one's foot and drinking down violence,
to send a message by a fool.
- 7 The legs of a lame person hang limp;
so does a proverb in the mouth of a fool.
- 8 It is like binding a stone in a sling
to give honor to a fool.
- 9 Like a thornbush brandished by the hand of a drunkard
is a proverb in the mouth of a fool.
- 10 Like an archer who wounds everybody
is one who hires a passing fool or drunkard.
- 11 Like a dog that returns to its vomit
is a fool who reverts to his folly.
- 12 Do you see people wise in their own eyes?
There is more hope for fools than for them.
- 13 The lazy person says, "There is a lion in the road!
There is a lion in the streets!"
- 14 As a door turns on its hinges,
so does a lazy person in bed.
- 15 The lazy person buries a hand in the dish
and is too tired to bring it back to the mouth.
- 16 The lazy person is wiser in self-esteem
than seven who can answer discreetly.

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 TEXT

Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”



Holy Bible

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “Being Rich Toward God” Pastor Craig

*HYMN *A Charge to Keep I Have* UMH 413

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

1. By Katie Minnis. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/prophet-margins/eighth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/eighth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-liturgical-resources>
2. *The Worship Sourcebook*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, p. 91.
3. *Ibid.*, p. 125.
4. <https://prayerist.com/prayer/illuminationumc.html>

PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

The people in Ukraine

Ann Bauguess	Cousin to Billy Gordy
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
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
Becca McLeod	Wife to Rev. Wes McLeod
Tappy McMillian	Sister-in-law to Sara Overton
Johny Ogburn	Brother to Sara Overton
Lee Overton	Nephew 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

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.

Breakfast for Supper Fundraiser, August 5, 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

United Methodist Women meet Friday, August 12 at 3 pm.

Homecoming will be Sunday, August 14. Special musical guests: Hubert Lawson & The Bluegrass Country Boys. Worship Service will be followed by a covered-dish luncheon.

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 School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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Clara Long, Pianist/Organist