



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
August 21, 2022

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 21, 2022**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: The Lord calls to us to go into the world—

People: We will go!

Leader: God commands us speak as God commands—

People: We will speak!

Leader: God assures us, “Do not be afraid”—

People: We trust that God will deliver us!

Everyone: AMEN.

*HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* UMH 158

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Holy God,

You have created us with purpose.

You have given each of us gifts and talents that we might use to bring forth your kingdom to this earth!

We confess that we selfishly use our gifts for personal gain, forgetting that they, too, are a means of tithing.

You have bestowed on us unique abilities that allow us to help your children across the world—

the poor, the orphan, the widow, the immigrant, and the oppressed.

How beautiful a gift you have given us!

Forgive us when we forget to share it.

As you did for the prophet Jeremiah, put your hand to our mouths, our hands, our feet, our minds... all the different parts of us so that we may speak,

act, write, teach, comfort, and share your good news!

May our magnificently different voices carry the incredible message of your love, redemption, and grace.

We are called to be prophets!

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

OFFERATORY PRAYER & OFFERTORY

Each Sunday we collect loose change that will be given to a designated mission. The mission for this month is Gibson Elementary school supplies. 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 Do not boast about tomorrow,
for you do not know what a day may bring.
- 2 Let another praise you and not your own mouth,
a stranger and not your own lips.
- 3 A stone is heavy, and sand is weighty,
but a fool's provocation is heavier than both.
- 4 Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming,
but who is able to stand before jealousy?
- 5 Better is open rebuke
than hidden love.
- 6 Well meant are the wounds a friend inflicts,
but profuse are the kisses of an enemy.
- 7 The sated appetite spurns honey,
but to a ravenous appetite even the bitter is sweet.
- 8 Like a bird that strays from its nest
is one who strays from home.
- 9 Perfume and incense make the heart glad,
but the soul is torn by trouble.
- 10 Do not forsake your friend or the friend of your parent;
do not go to the house of your kindred in the day of your
calamity.
Better is a neighbor who is nearby
than kindred who are far away.
- 11 Be wise, my child, and make my heart glad,
so that I may answer whoever reproaches me.
- 12 The clever see danger and hide,
but the simple go on and suffer for it.
- 13 Take the garment of one who has given surety for a
stranger;
seize the pledge given as surety for foreigners.
- 14 Whoever blesses a neighbor with a loud voice,
rising early in the morning,
will be counted as cursing.

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

Hebrew 12:18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.



Holy Bible

SCRIPTURE TEXT (Continued)

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “Jesus, Our Mediator” Pastor Craig

*HYMN *Here I Am Lord* UMH 593

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

1. By Katie Minnis. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/prophet-margins/eleventh-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/eleventh-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-liturgical-resources>
2. Ibid.
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

Ann Bauguess

Cousin to Billy Gordy

Iris Bennett

Sister-in-law to Kay Huneycutt

Janet Bottoms family

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

David Linville

Friend to Harold Kincaid

Freddie Masencup

Friend to Sara Overton

Becca McLeod

Wife to Rev. Wes McLeod

Tappy McMillian

Sister-in-law to Sara Overton

Johnny Ogburn

Brother to Sara Overton

Lee Overton family

Nephew to Sara Overton

Carrol Roseberry

P.O. Box 248, Germanton, NC 27019

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Donna Sims

Friend to Margie Gordy

Leon & Margaret

Friends to Margie Gordy

Styers

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

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Betty Martin Mallard Ridge, 9420 N NC Hwy, 150, Clemmons 27012

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The UMW will be collecting school supplies for Gibson Elementary School the month of August. There is a "bus" in the vestibule for your donations.

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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