



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
September 4, 2022

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2022**

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER¹

God of power and mercy,
only with your help
can we offer you fitting service and praise.
May we live the faith we profess
and trust your promise of eternal life.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH 89

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

**Have mercy upon us, O God,
according to your lovingkindness.
According to the multitude of your tender mercies,
blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities,
and cleanse us from our sins.
For we acknowledge our transgressions,
and our sin is ever before us.
Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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!**



- 15 A continual dripping on a rainy day
and a contentious wife are alike;
- 16 to restrain her is to restrain the wind
or to grasp oil in the right hand.
- 17 Iron sharpens iron,
and one person sharpens the wits of another.
- 18 Anyone who tends a fig tree will eat its fruit,
and anyone who takes care of a master will be honored.
- 19 Just as water reflects the face,
so one human heart reflects another.
- 20 Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied,
and human eyes are never satisfied.
- 21 The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold,
so a person is tested by being praised.
- 22 Crush a fool in a mortar with a pestle
along with crushed grain,
but the folly will not be driven out.
- 23 Know well the condition of your flocks,
and give attention to your herds,
- 24 for riches do not last forever,
nor a crown for all generations.
- 25 When the grass is gone, and new growth appears,
and the herbage of the mountains is gathered,
- 26 the lambs will provide your clothing,
and the goats the price of a field;
- 27 there will be enough goats' milk for your food,
for the food of your household
and nourishment for your female servants.

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

Scripture readings that are the basis for today's message:



Holy Bible

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Dianne Raynor

*HYMN

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

UMH 382

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

1. *Posted on the Order of Carmelites website,*
<https://ocarm.org/en/item/2364>. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/opening-prayer-only-with-your-help.html>.
2. *United Methodist Book of Worship*, p. 475.
3. Ibid.
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
David Conrad	Cousin to Harold Kincaid
Delinda Dunlap-Ryan	Friend to Emily Kincaid
Walt Frye	Cousin to Pat Bennett
Betsy 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 McMillan	Sister-in-law to Sara Overton
Carrol 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	
Aida Grace Williard	Great-granddaughter to Margie Gordy
Joy Brunk	Sister to Billy Gordy
Wayne Ratcliffe	

Shut-ins

Ron Fulp 705 Meadowlark Drive, Apt. B, King, NC 27021

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **United Methodist Women** will meet on September 9, 3:00 p.m.

The **PPRC** will meet on Tuesday, September 20, at 11:00 a.m.

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 Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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Clara Long, Pianist/Organist