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# HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Bulletin  
September 11, 2022

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 11, 2022**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;  
God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us  
and waste the gifts we have been given.

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;  
let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;  
let us worship God together.

\*HYMN                    *I Stand in Awe*                    Celebration Hymnal #80

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>**

**Lord, we would follow you  
wherever you might lead.  
Lord, we would follow you.  
Forgive us when we stumble  
and when we stray.  
Forgive us when, distracted  
we lose our way.  
Be the one to whom we turn,  
whose hand we hold,  
the Shepherd who leads us  
safely to the fold.  
Lord, we would follow you  
wherever you might lead.  
Lord, we would follow you.**

*All offer prayers of confession in silence.*

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

My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost.  
God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around,  
Gathering us in to the people of God.  
Let us rejoice in God's mercy! **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 The wicked flee when no one pursues,  
but the righteous are as bold as a lion.
- 2 When a land rebels  
it has many rulers;  
but with an intelligent person, honesty endures.
- 3 A poor person who oppresses the poor  
is a beating rain that leaves no food.
- 4 Those who forsake the law praise the wicked,  
but those who keep the law struggle against them.
- 5 The evil do not understand justice,  
but those who seek the LORD understand it completely.
- 6 Better to be poor and walk in integrity  
than to be crooked in one's ways even though rich.
- 7 Those who keep the law are wise children,  
but companions of gluttons shame their parents.
- 8 One who augments wealth by exorbitant interest  
gathers it for another who is kind to the poor.
- 9 When one will not listen to the law,  
even one's prayers are an abomination.
- 10 Those who mislead the upright into evil ways  
will fall into pits of their own making,  
but the blameless will have a goodly inheritance.
- 11 The rich is wise in self-esteem,  
but an intelligent poor person sees through the pose.
- 12 When the righteous rejoice, there is great glory,  
but when the wicked prevail, people go into hiding.
- 13 No one who conceals transgressions will prosper,  
but one who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.
- 14 Happy is the one who is never without fear,  
but one who is hard-hearted will fall into calamity.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION<sup>4</sup>

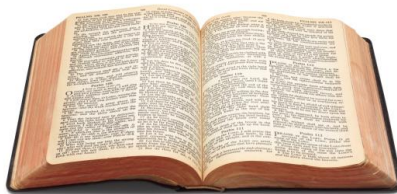
God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### SCRIPTURE TEXT

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.



**Holy Bible**

## SCRIPTURE (Continued)

<sup>8</sup> “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “The Restoration Imperative” Pastor Craig

\*HYMN *Holy Ground* Celebration Hymnal #138

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

1. Posted on the Presbyterian Church in Canada website. <http://presbyterian.ca/worship/> Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/call-to-worship-luke-15-1-10.html>.
2. Written by John Birch and posted on Faith and Worship. <http://www.faithandworship.com>. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/prayer-lord-we-would-follow-you.html>.
3. Written by Henrietta Stith Andrews, in *From Despair to Rejoicing: Service Prayers for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost*. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/confession-luke-15-1-10.html>.
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
Joy Brunk	Sister to Billy Gordy
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
Gary Pizino	Friend to Dianne Raynor
Wayne Ratcliffe	
Carroll 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
Family of Debbie Weeden	Daughter-in-law to Becky Weeden
Aida Grace Willard	Great-granddaughter to Margie Gordy
Christian Willard and Family	

## Shut-ins

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chicken Pie Baking, Monday, September 12

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

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Office Hours: Tue. & Thur. 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Clara Long, Pianist/Organist