



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
September 18, 2022

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 2022**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

We gather to worship with joy and in hope.

Come, let us worship the one who desires our hearts.

We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.

Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true worship.

We come as we are and ask the Spirit to gather us in and direct our vision.

Come, let us worship the one who calls us here.

We are here to worship with all that we are.

*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

**O God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too:
we want to be a friend of the world and still be your
friend.**

Yet, Jesus taught us: “No one can serve two masters.”

**Give us strength and courage to get our priorities
straight:**

help us to seek your kingdom first.

**Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world,
and to be friends with the people you call us to serve.**

**Help us also to remember that our best relationship
is the one we have with you,**

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS³

“The wisdom from above is first pure,
then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy” (James 3:17).
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,
and we are given a new way to live.
Let us accept God’s grace,
and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy.

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 Winston-
Salem Rescue Mission. 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 Like a roaring lion or a charging bear
is a wicked ruler over a poor people.
- 16 A ruler who lacks understanding is a cruel oppressor,
but one who hates unjust gain will enjoy a long life.
- 17 If someone is burdened with the blood of another,
let that killer be a fugitive until death;
let no one offer assistance.
- 18 One who walks in integrity will be safe,
but whoever follows crooked ways will fall into the Pit.^[a]
- 19 Anyone who tills the land will have plenty of bread,
but one who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty
of poverty.
- 20 The faithful will abound with blessings,
but one who is in a hurry to be rich will not go unpunished.
- 21 To show partiality is not good,
yet for a piece of bread a person may do wrong.
- 22 The miser is in a hurry to get rich
and does not know that loss is sure to come.
- 23 Whoever rebukes a person will afterward find more favor
than one who flatters with the tongue.
- 24 Anyone who robs father or mother
and says, "That is no crime,"
is partner to a thug.
- 25 The greedy person stirs up strife,
but whoever trusts in the LORD will be enriched.
- 26 Those who trust in their own wits are fools,
but those who walk in wisdom come through safely.
- 27 Whoever gives to the poor will lack nothing,
but one who turns a blind eye will get many a curse.
- 28 When the wicked prevail, people go into hiding,
but when they perish, the righteous increase.

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 16:1-13

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³ Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.



Holy Bible

SCRIPTURE (Continued)

⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “Only One Master” Pastor Craig

*HYMN *I Surrender All* UMH 354

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

1. Derek C. Weber, February 2022
2. From a worship service written by Bruce Gillette and Carolyn Winfrey Gillette for the Center for Christian Ethics. Posted on <http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/174967.pdf>.
3. Ibid.
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
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
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

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

Administrative Council will meet Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 p.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

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Clara Long, Pianist/Organist