



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
October 16, 2022

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 16, 2022**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Lord,
your words are sweet to the taste,
sweeter than honey;
let them be our daily meditation and our study.
Give us ears to hear,
for we marvel at your instruction.
Train us in righteousness,
grant us patience and persistence,
and equip us for every good work.
Inspire our faith,
and give us voices to proclaim your message.
Guide our feet,
keep us from every false way,
for you alone speak the words of life. **Amen.**

*HYMN

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

UMH 352

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

From the least of us, to the greatest, Lord,
**we want to know you;
we yearn to follow where you lead us;
we need your guidance.**

But even as we listen for your direction,
other voices compete for our attention
with teachings that suit our desires.

**Our thoughts drift so far from your truth,
that fables and fancies begin to seem real.
Holy One, open our hearts and minds.**

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**By your Spirit,
convince, rebuke, and encourage us
as only you can;
teach, correct, and inspire us
in the ways of your salvation. 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

*Each Sunday we collect loose change that will be given
to a designated mission. The mission for this month is
Bethesda Center. Please contribute if you feel led.*

OFFERATORY

***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!**

- 11 There are those who curse their fathers
and do not bless their mothers.
- 12 There are those who are pure in their own eyes,
yet are not cleansed of their filthiness.
- 13 There are those—how lofty are their eyes,
how high their eyelids lift!—
- 14 there are those whose teeth are swords,
whose teeth are knives
to devour the poor from off the earth,
the needy from among mortals.
- 15 The leech has two daughters;
“Give, give,” they cry.
Three things are never satisfied;
four never say, “Enough”:
- 16 Sheol, the barren womb,
the earth ever-thirsty for water,
and the fire that never says, “Enough.”
- 17 The eye that mocks a father
and scorns to obey a mother
will be pecked out by the ravens of the valley
and eaten by the vultures.
- 18 Three things are too wonderful for me;
four I do not understand:
- 19 the way of an eagle in the sky,
the way of a snake on a rock,
the way of a ship on the high seas,
and the way of a man with a woman.
- 20 This is the way of an adulteress:
she eats and wipes her mouth
and says, “I have done no wrong.”
- 21 Under three things the earth trembles;
under four it cannot bear up:
- 22 a slave when he becomes king
and a fool when gluttoned with food,
- 23 a contemptible woman when she gets a husband
and a maid when she supplants her mistress.

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 18:1-8

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**



Holy Bible

MESSAGE “The Power of Persistence” Pastor Craig

*HYMN *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* UMH 382

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE



1. Bill Hoppe, Ministry Matters, Worship Elements October 20, 2019, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4291/worship-elements-october-20-2019>.
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

Iris Bennett	Sister-in-law to Kay Huneycutt
Melissa Brown	Daughter to Billy Gordy
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
James Gentry	Friend to Martha Collins
Cathy Hrestak	Cousin to Joe Bennett
Kay Huneycutt	6700 S Germanton Rd, Germanton 27019
Rick Lane	Husband to Janice Lane
Scott Lane	Son to Janice Lane
Janice Lane	
Amber Lewis	Granddaughter to Wanda Manning
Wanda Lingle	Cancer Treatments
David Linville	Friend to Harold Kincaid
Freddie Masencup	Friend to Sara Overton
Tappy McMillan	Sister-in-law to Sara Overton
Donna Sims	Friend to Margie Gordy
Leon & Margaret Styers	Friends to Margie Gordy
Richard Thomas	Cousin to Lawson Family
Gail Tuttle	Sister to Billy 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

Judy Scudder, c/o Brookstone Terrace, PO Box 1682, Clemmons 27102

Barbara White, 1294 Priddy Road, King, NC 27021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Church-Wide Fall Festival will be October 22 from 8-1. We will have vendors again this year, including a Tupperware representative! We are in need of the usual baked goods as well as cookies and soup for us to sell. Please let Dianne Raynor know if you can help or have any questions. We will also have breakfast sandwiches, hotdogs, and hamburgers. You may bring your baked goods, crafts, etc. for the festival Friday, October 21, to the fellowship hall from 6 to 7 pm.

Our **Charge Conference** will be held at Hickory Ridge on Sunday, October 23 at 5:00 p.m.

NW Missional Network Charge Conference Worship will be held at New Hope UMC, Monday, Nov. 14, 7:00 pm.

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