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# HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Bulletin  
October 23, 2022

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 23, 2022**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

We worship because the Lord stood by us on difficult days.

**Even when we weren't aware and felt alone.**

We worship because the Lord gives strength.

**Even when we feel so weak.**

We worship because we have been rescued again and again.

**Even when we are afraid that we have lost.**

Come and worship the God who stands with us in our darkest days and promises to be with us to the end.

**We will worship in hope, seeking eyes to see and hearts to believe in God with us. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

UMH 77

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

O God, you have shown us the way of life  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him,  
our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.**

We confess the poverty of our worship,  
our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace,  
our hesitating witness for Christ,  
our evasion of responsibilities in our service,  
our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.**

*All offer prayers of confession in silence.*

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

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **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!**



- <sup>24</sup> Four things on earth are small,  
yet they are exceedingly wise:
- <sup>25</sup> the ants are a people without strength,  
yet they provide their food in the summer;
- <sup>26</sup> the badgers are a people without power,  
yet they make their homes in the rocks;
- <sup>27</sup> the locusts have no king,  
yet all of them march in rank;
- <sup>28</sup> the lizard can be grasped in the hand,  
yet it is found in kings' palaces.
- <sup>29</sup> Three things are stately in their stride;  
four are stately in their gait:
- <sup>30</sup> the lion, which is mightiest among wild animals  
and does not turn back before any;
- <sup>31</sup> the strutting rooster, the he-goat,  
and a king against whom none can stand.
- <sup>32</sup> If you have been foolish, exalting yourself,  
or if you have been devising evil,  
put your hand on your mouth.
- <sup>33</sup> For as pressing milk produces curds  
and pressing the nose produces blood,  
so pressing anger produces strife.

## 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 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**



**Holy Bible**

MESSAGE

“The Power of Humility”

Pastor Craig

\*HYMN

*God Be with You till We Meet Again*

UMH 672

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE



1. Derek Weber, Discipleship Ministries, March 2022
2. *The Worship Sourcebook*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, p. 103.
3. Ibid., p. 122.
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
Roger Jones	Friend to Margie Gordy
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
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 **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, November 14, 7:00 pm.

**Administrative Council** will meet Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 pm.

**United Methodist Women** will meet Friday, November 11 at 3:00 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

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Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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Clara Long, Pianist/Organist