



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
November 20, 2022

**Reign of Christ Sunday
November 20, 2022**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

It is done.

God has always been in charge—
yesterday and today.

Even when things seem out of control,
God's reign is on its way.

Let us prepare the way for God.

*HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

We have sinned against both Shepherd and flock,
even at times not knowing
that we were blocking the work of divine love.

**Forgive us for driving others away from the land
of justice and safety.**

We have sinned against both Shepherd and flock,
even at times not knowing
that we were blocking the work of divine love.

Forgive us for not attending to the needs of others.

We have sinned against both Shepherd and flock,
even at times not knowing
that we were blocking the work of divine love.

**Forgive us for not bringing back to the fold
those who are fearful,
and have gone missing from community.**

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS³

Like the bandits who were crucified next to Jesus,
we too are forgiven—
no matter how much we may have scoffed
at the Shepherd's love,
no matter that sometimes
we may not have known what we were doing.
For in the Shepherd,
all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through the Shepherd,
God was pleased to reconcile to God all things,
whether on earth or in the heaven,
by making peace through the blood of the cross.
The Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ,
has remembered us and forgiven us---
the gates of Paradise have been unlocked;
we are free to enter where the Shepherd reigns
forever and ever!

Thanks be to God!

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 Christmas gifts for children and families in need. Please contribute if you feel led.

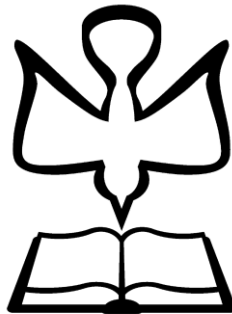
OFFERATORY

*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!**

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.



¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear longer or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**



MESSAGE “The Lord is Our Righteousness” Pastor Craig

*HYMN *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

UMH 496

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Dear Members of Hickory Ridge, Thank you so much for your monetary donation. We really appreciate you thinking of us. May God continue to bless you and your good works, Sincerely, Cynthia Russell, Principal, Gibson Elementary School.

1. Hans Holznagel, Ministry Matters, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4410/worship-elements-november-24-2019>.
2. Written by James E. Janecek, in The Shepherd Reigns. Posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways>. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/10/prayer-of-confession-proper-29c.html>.
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

Lori Ann Bowen Friend to Keith White

Melissa Brown Daughter of Maria Rogers

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

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

Jordan Stomean Granddaughter to Sandy Stomean

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, Bradford Village, 602 Piney Grove Rd, Kernersville 27284

Barbara White, 1294 Priddy Road, King, NC 27021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hope you will stay for our Church Gathering for Thanksgiving Luncheon in the fellowship hall today, November 20, immediately following the worship service. Everyone is welcome.

Administrative Council will meet Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00 pm.

United Women of Faith (previously UMW) will meet Friday, December 9 at 3:00 pm. Please bring finger food to share with everyone.

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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