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# HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Bulletin  
February 5, 2023

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Holy Communion  
February 5, 2023**

**PRELUDE**

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

We are called to bring a new understanding of God:  
that God so loves the world.

**We are the salt of the earth.**

We are called to bring a new hope in God:  
that God gives us new life.

**We are the light of the world.**

We are called to follow  
the commandments and the law.

**The Law of God is to love God  
and to love one another.**

Come, let us be the salt of the earth,  
the light of the world.

**Come, let us love one another  
with the love of God.**

**Let us join together in our love of God  
to worship and follow Jesus.**

\*HYMN      *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

UMH 57

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

### OFFERATORY PRAYER

*Each Sunday we collect loose change that will be given to a designated mission. The mission for this month is Open Arms Community. 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!**



## **Blessings of the Righteous**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,  
who greatly delight in his commandments.

<sup>2</sup> Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

<sup>5</sup> It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> For the righteous will never be moved;  
they will be remembered forever.

<sup>7</sup> They are not afraid of evil tidings;  
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

<sup>9</sup> They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;  
their righteousness endures forever;  
their horn is exalted in honor.

<sup>10</sup> The wicked see it and are angry;  
they gnash their teeth and melt away;  
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.



**Holy Bible**

## 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

Matthew 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

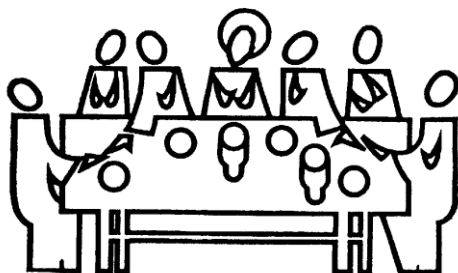
<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE	"Let Your Light Shine"	Pastor Craig
HOLY COMMUNION		UMH 12-15
*HYMN	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	UMH 620
DISMISSAL AND BLESSING		
*POSTLUDE		



YOU are invited to commit to praying daily for a particular concern. Each month we will focus on a different concern that will be listed in the bulletin. For the month of February, we will concentrate on asking for answers to the violence that is happening in our community and the surrounding area. The Bible verse to remember is, "With GOD all things are possible", Matthew 19:26.

1. Written by Rev Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org>. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/01/call-to-worship-loving-god-and-one.html>.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

The people in Ukraine

Iris Bennett	Sister-in-law to Kay Huneycutt
Lane Bennet	Brother to Kay Huneycutt
Melissa Brown	Daughter of Maria Rogers
James Brunk	Friend to Billy and Margie Gordy
Cathy Childress	Forsyth Medical Center
David Conrad	Cousin to Harold Kincaid
Delinda Dunlap-Ryan	Friend to Emily Kincaid
Walt Frye	Cousin to Pat Bennett
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
Lisha	Granddaughter to Wanda Manning
Clara Long	
Kristy Long	Daughter to Clara Long
Freddie Masencup	Friend to Sara Overton
Tappy McMillan	Sister-in-law to Sara Overton
Doug Raynor	Tests
Becky Shelton	Sister to Billy Gordy
Jordan Stomean	Granddaughter to Sandy Stomean
Richard and Becky Thomas	Cousin to Lawson Family
Gail Tuttle	Sister to Billy Gordy
Christian Willard and Family	

## Shut-ins

Betty Eddinger, 1250 Arbor Road, Room 720, Winston Salem, 27104

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

Administrative Council, Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Women, Friday, February 10, 2:00 p.m.

Souper Bowl Sunday, next Sunday, February 12, we will have homemade soup (Vegetable, Chicken, Chili Beans) and cheese sandwiches in the fellowship hall following Worship service. Donations will be accepted for the Samaritan Soup Kitchen. Hope you will come!

## 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