



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
February 19, 2023

**Invitation to Observance of Lent
with Imposition of Ashes
February 19, 2023**

PRELUDE

GREETING¹

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Why have we gathered today?

We gather to confess our sins and bring a sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart to God, who forgives us and frees us for joyful obedience.

Today, we join one another and Christ on the road to the cross and commit ourselves to the Lenten journey ahead of us.

May we be faithful to keeping a Lenten fast of justice, charity, and flourishing before God, self, and neighbor.

*HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH 103

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Creator God, you fashioned us out of dust,
breathing your Spirit into us,
so we might sing your praise.

**But we have denounced your gift of life
in order to be our own gods,
clinging to death-dealing idols of our own making.**

Not trusting your providence,
We stop our ears to the cries of those in need
Because we're afraid we won't have enough.

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We have been unfaithful stewards, O Lord.

**Have mercy on us according to your loving kindness.
Breathe new life into us once more,
so we might be the people you created us to be.**

**Restore unto us the joy of your salvation
that we might do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with the Lord Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray,
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 & OFFERATORY

*Each Sunday we collect loose change that will be given
to a designated mission. The mission for this month is
the House of Refuge. 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!**

Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right^[b] spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing^[c] spirit.
- ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

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- ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- ¹⁶ For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
- ¹⁷ The sacrifice acceptable to God^[d] is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION³

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 6:1-6, 16-21

¹ “Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ² “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵ “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶ “And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

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¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “Heart Follows Treasure” Pastor Craig

A PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT

INVITATION TO LENTEN DISCIPLE

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*HYMN *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* UMH 357

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Prayer Focus for February: Ask for answers to the violence that is happening in our communities.

Bible verse to remember: “With GOD all things are possible”
Matthew 19:26

1. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022.
2. “Corporate Confession of Sin” found in Ash Wednesday Service from the Presbyterian Church (USA) Presbyterian Mission, <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/ash-wednesday-service-baptized-dust> (pdf, pages 1 and 2).
3. <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
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
Fay Dillon	
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	Upcoming surgery
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

Martha Collins, Mallard Ridge, 9420 N NC Hwy 150 , Clemmons 27012
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

Ash Wednesday Service, with imposition of ashes, will be held Sunday, February 19 during the Morning Worship.

Breakfast for Supper Fundraiser will be March 3 from 4:30 to 6:30

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 Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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