



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
March 19, 2023

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

We are learning to follow Jesus.

On this Lenten journey,
where do we find God's presence among us?

**One thing we know: God calls us
to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.**

On this Lenten journey,
how does God's presence work among us?

**One thing we know: God uses the messy and mundane
to heal and restore us to one another.**

On this Lenten journey, what does God's presence do in our
midst?

**One thing we know: God opens us to recognize presence,
sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives
isolation and lack.**

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

**We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out!
Amen.**

*HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMC 89

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

O God of miracles and mighty deeds,
we acknowledge your healing
and comforting presence in our lives.

We confess that we have been drawn in by materialism
and driven by consumerism.

Time for Silent Confession

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**Open our hearts to a new way of being.
Send your anointing and grant us fresh insight for
spiritual breakthroughs. Shine the light of your truth into
our relationships and grant us victory over every secret
and shame. We thank you in advance for healings and
renewals in our lives. In the name of Jesus, 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!**



The Divine Shepherd

A Psalm of David.

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
- ³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.



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

I Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."

¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “The Leading of the Lord” Pastor Craig

*HYMN *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH 454

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Prayer Focus for March: The people in Turkey and Syria.

Bible verse to remember: “do not be afraid, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God: I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.” Isaiah 41:10.

Thank you for supporting Samaritan Ministries through the Souper Bowl of Caring. The grilled cheese fundraiser sounded like fun, and your donation of \$70.00 will be used to help feed hundreds each day in our Soup Kitchen.
Jan Kelly, Executive Director.

1. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022.
2. Junius Dotson, The Africana Worship Book, Year A, edited by Valerie Bridgeman Davis and Safiyah Fosua (Discipleship Resources, 2006), 141.
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	5703 Beaver Pond Trail, Pfafftown 27040
David Conrad	Cousin to Harold Kincaid
Fay Dillon	6065 Germanton Rd, Winston-Salem 27105
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	1905 Emorywood Rd, Rural Hall 27045
Kristy Long	Daughter to Clara Long
Mary Ann	Friend to Margie Gordy
Traviss Mabe	Cousin to Janice Lane
Freddie Masencup	Friend to Sara Overton
Tappy McMillan	Sister-in-law to Sara Overton
Doug Raynor	Recovering from surgery
Becky Shelton	Sister to Billy Gordy
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

There is still time to order **Chocolate/Peanut Butter Easter Eggs**.
See order form on table in the foyer.

The Living Cross will be setup on Easter Sunday, April 9. Please bring flowers for the Cross.

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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