



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
May 7, 2023

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion
May 7, 2023**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Come, people of God!

Take refuge in the Lord,

who listens when we cry out,

who rescues us when we call,

and who leads and guides us

according to his unfailing love.

You are our God;

our lives are in your hands.

Let's worship God together! Amen.

*HYMN

My Jesus, I Love Thee

UMH 172

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

OFFERATORY PRAYER & OFFERATORY

*Each Sunday we collect loose change that will be given
to a designated mission. The mission for this month is Senior
Services Meals on Wheels. 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!

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

- ¹ In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
- ² Turn your ear to me,
come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.
- ³ Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.
- ⁴ Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,
for you are my refuge.
- ⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.
- ¹⁵ My times are in your hands;
deliver me from the hands of my enemies,
from those who pursue me.
- ¹⁶ Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your unfailing love.



Holy Bible

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION⁴

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE TEXT

John 14:1-14

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^[a]; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus the Way to the Father

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

(Continued)

¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

"The Work of the Father"

Pastor Craig

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 12-15

*HYMN

Only Trust Him

UMH 337

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Focus for April: Illegal drug use in our community.

Bible verse to remember: 1 Peter 5:8 – “Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.”

Thank you: Thank you very much for your generous donation to the Angel Fund of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Child Nutrition Department. We use the Angel Fund to help pay down outstanding debt, equitably. Your kind donation has been applied to North Forsyth High School, as per your request. *Ekta Patel, Child Nutrition Executive Director* and *Alicia Crews, District Manager Chartwells K12*

The *Change Jar collection* for April was \$77.50. Additional donations of \$73.00 was added to that amount. \$150.50 will be sent to UMCOR for the hurricane and flooding victims in the United States.

The memorial fund for Louise Coley enabled us to place the new banners in the sanctuary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UWF May Fellowship Banquet, Thursday, May 11, 6:30 pm. We will have dinner at 6:30.

Church Picnic, Sunday, June 11, 4:00-7:00 pm. Hamburgers and hotdogs, dessert, beverage. Make plans to attend!

1. Written by Christine Longhurst, posted at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/05/call-to-worship-for-easter-5.html>.
2. <https://prayerist.com/prayer/illuminationumc>

PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

The people in Ukraine

Iris Bennett	Sister-in-law to Kay Huneycutt
Pat Benent	Procedure
Melissa Brown	Daughter of Maria Rogers
James Brunk	Friend to Billy and Margie Gordy
Cathy Childress	Village Care, 440 Ingram Dr. Ext, King 27021
David Conrad	Cousin to Harold Kincaid
Fay Dillon	6065 Germanton Rd, Winston-Salem 27105
Delinda Dunlap-Ryan	Friend to Emily Kincaid
Margie Gordy	Therapy treatments for neck
Bobby and Shirley Griffin	Neighbors to Doug and Dianne Raynor
Cathy Hrestak	Cousin to Joe Bennett
Loy Kennedy	Heart problems
Rick Lane	Husband to Janice Lane
Scott Lane	Son to Janice Lane
Janice Lane	
Wanda Lingle	Cancer Treatments
David Linville	Friend to Harold Kincaid
Clara Long	1905 Emorywood Road, 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
Irene Mayo	Sister-in-law to Sara Overton
Tappy McMillan	Sister-in-law to Sara Overton
Debbie Miller	Friend to Dianne Raynor
Noah Nieves	Son to Anthony and Brooke Nieves
Carrol Roseberry	2012 Twin Lakes Ct., East Bend, NC 27018
Becky Shelton	Sister to Billy Gordy
Richard and Becky Thomas	Cousin to Lawson Family
Christian Willard and Family	
Maxine Wood	Mother to Annette Wood

Shut-ins

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

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 School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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