



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
June 18, 2023

**Third Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day
June 18, 2023**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Welcome, you who are called as disciples of Christ!
Is anything too wonderful for our God?

**Nothing is too wonderful for God
who saves us and calls us!**

We remember the goodness of God
who promised Abraham a multitude of descendants
and then showed up at Abraham's door to announce
that the promise would be fulfilled.

**Nothing is too wonderful for God
who promises and fulfills promises!**

We remember the compassion of Jesus
who noticed the distress of his neighbors
and acted to bring them healing and wholeness.

**Nothing is too wonderful for God
who heals and restores the distressed!**

We remember the invitation the Spirit extends to us
to join in God's work of compassionate community building.

**Nothing is too wonderful for God who empowers us to
transform strangers into community through active love.**

As we worship, may we receive the promise, the compassion,
and the invitation to be disciples of Christ who join in God's
work of making disciples for the transformation of our
households, our community, and our world.

Because nothing is too wonderful for our God! Amen.

*HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* UMH 57

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Dear friends, let us love one another,
because love comes from God.

(Continued)

Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God.

**Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation,
forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity.**

The peace that Christ gives is to guide us in the decisions we make, for it is to this peace that God has called us together into one body.

**Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation,
forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity.**

With his own body he broke down the wall of separation. By his death on the cross Christ destroyed our divisions.

**Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation,
forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity.**

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER & OFFERTORY

Each Sunday we collect loose change that will be given to a designated mission. 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!

Thanksgiving for Recovery from Illness

- ¹ I love the LORD because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
- ² Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- ³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
- ⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD,
“O LORD, I pray, save my life!”
- ⁵ Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is merciful.
- ⁶ The LORD protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- ⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
- ⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling.
- ⁹ I walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.
- ¹⁰ [a] I kept my faith, even when I said,
“I am greatly afflicted”;
- ¹¹ I said in my consternation,
“Everyone is a liar.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION³

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.

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

¹ Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE "The Good News of the Kingdom" Pastor Craig

*HYMN

Faith of Our Fathers

UMH 710

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Focus for June: Safety for Children at all times, especially while at home from school this summer.

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.”

Beginning this month, the church Administrative Council Meeting Minutes will be available on the table in the vestibule.

If you have any questions or concerns about the disaffiliation of some congregations within the United Methodist Church, please contact Pastor Craig in person, or by telephone at (336) 500-1767, or by his email craigmtoth@gmail.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



1. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, December 2022.
2. *The Worship Sourcebook*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, p. 732.
3. <https://prayerist.com/prayer/illuminationumc>

PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

The people in Ukraine

Kathy Barker	Friend to Dianne Raynor
Iris Bennett	Sister-in-law to Kay Huneycutt
Joe Bennett	Cancer Treatment
Melissa Brown	Daughter of Maria Rogers
James Brunk	Friend to Billy and Margie Gordy
David Conrad	Cousin to Harold Kincaid
Fay Dillon	6065 Germanton Rd, Winston-Salem 27105
Ray Dillon	6065 Germanton Rd, Winston-Salem 27105
Delinda Dunlap-Ryan	Friend to Emily Kincaid
Susan Harrison	Sister to Sandy Stomean
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
Freddie Masencup	Friend to Sara Overton
Irene Mayo	Sister-in-law to Sara Overton
Tappy McMillan	Sister-in-law to Sara Overton
Richard and Becky Thomas	Cousin to Lawson Family
Christian Willard and Family	

Shut-ins

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

Ron Fulp, Holiday Forsyth Court, 2945 Reynolda Road—Room 142

Winston-Salem, NC 27106

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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