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# HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Bulletin  
June 25, 2023

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
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**PRE-SERVICE PRAYER**

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

People of God, tell it!

**We are not alone! We are children of God!**

People of Christ, tell it!

**The Light has come in love and truth,  
teaching us to live in the Light.**

People of the Spirit, tell it!

**The Spirit of truth reveals hidden things, offering healing  
through honest confession.**

People of God, tell it!

**We are not alone! We are children of God! Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

**UMH 158**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>**

God of Justice and Mercy,  
we know that we have fallen silent  
when we should have spoken up.

We have ignored the cries of the innocent  
and joined the crowds in calls of judgment.

We have mistaken justice for revenge  
and have sought punishment to ease our pain.

**Forgive us, God, for not seeing our own faults,  
our own sins, and for not holding ourselves responsible  
for our inaction and injustice.**

**Restore us, God, to the ways Jesus taught us,  
to drop our stones and instead seek  
forgiveness and restoration.**

**Call us into the paths of love and reconciliation,  
knowing Your mercy extends to all of us,**

(Continued)

Your grace is a gift, and there is nothing we can do to deserve or earn it.

**Guide us into living into Your forgiveness, peace and reconciliation, in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

*All offer prayers of confession in silence.*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has opened our ears and our hearts to know God's love and forgiveness. There is nothing we need to do other than love one another and love God, for all things come from God's love. Go forth knowing You have been forgiven and You are restored to God. Live in the way of Christ. **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 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!**

- <sup>1</sup> Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.
- <sup>2</sup> Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you.  
You are my God;
- <sup>3</sup> be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- <sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
- <sup>6</sup> Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my cry of supplication.
- <sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I call on you,  
for you will answer me.
- <sup>8</sup> There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.
- <sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made shall come  
and bow down before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.
- <sup>10</sup> For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.
  
- <sup>16</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
give your strength to your servant;  
save the child of your maidservant.
- <sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me  
may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have  
helped me and comforted me.



**Holy Bible**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION<sup>3</sup>

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

Matthew 10:24-31

<sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

<sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “The Restoration Power of God” Pastor Craig

\*HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

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.”

**Prayer Focus for July:** Law Enforcement Officers

**Bible verse to remember:** *Matthew 5:9* – Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

*Titus 3:1,2* – Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work.

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](mailto:craigmtoth@gmail.com).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Breakfast for Supper Fundraiser** will be Friday, July 7, from 4:30 – 6:30 pm.

**Administrative Council** will meet Tuesday, July 11 at 7 pm.

**United Women in Faith** will meet Friday, July 14, at 2 pm.

1. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2023.
2. Written by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, <http://rev-o-lution.org>. Reposted on <https://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=400>.
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
Greg Boles	Brother to Keith White
Melissa Brown	Daughter of Maria Rogers
James Brunk	Friend to Billy and Margie Gordy
Joy Brunk	Sister to Billy 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
The Family of 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
Anna Southworth	Niece to Billy Gordy
Richard and Becky Thomas	Cousin to Lawson Family
Angie Toth	Cancer Diagnosis
Christian Willard and family	
The Family of Maxine Wood	Mother of Annette Wood

## 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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Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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