



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
July 2, 2023

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 2, 2023**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Lord, just as you have welcomed us when we were strangers with no home, just as you have taken us in when others said, "No," we ourselves seek to welcome those who have come to worship and praise your holy name.

**We welcome you this morning in this place to sit down and be present with us. Let us worship God!
Amen.**

*HYMN

America the Beautiful

UMH 696

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Merciful God,

We confess that, though we claim to love you,
our lives do not always reflect that love.

We offer hospitality out of obligation instead of love,
out of care for our own well-being instead of that of others.

We hesitate to welcome others out of fear of rejection instead
of extending compassion as the fruit of your love for us.

In our relationships at work, home, and even church,
too often we choose expediency instead of integrity,
believing the ends justify the means.

Help us, we pray.

**Free us to live as your children who welcome, nurture,
and love our neighbors as we learn to grow as disciples
of Christ. 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

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!



Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
- ² How long must I bear pain^[a] in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
- ³ Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
- ⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
- ⁵ But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- ⁶ I will sing to the LORD
because he has dealt bountifully with me.



Holy Bible

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.

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

“Hospitality and Rewards”

Pastor Craig

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 12-15

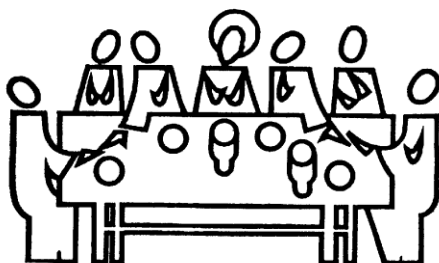
*HYMN

‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

UMH 462

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Focus for July: Law Enforcement Officers

Bible verses 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.

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 Joseph W. Daniels, Jr., *The Africana Worship Book Year A* (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006), 68.
2. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, *Discipleship Ministries*, January 2023.
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
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
Scott Lane	Son to Janice Lane
Janice Lane	
Wanda Lingle	Cancer Treatments
David Linville	Friend to Harold Kincaid
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
Angie Toth	Cancer Diagnosis
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

Clara Long, 1905 Emorywood Road, Rural Hall, 27045

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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