



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
July 30, 2023

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 30, 2023**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.

**All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.**

*HYMN *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* UMH 133

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

**Holy God,
remind us that we are loved
 when we find ourselves unlovable.
Remind us that there is hope
 when all we see around us makes us despair.
Remind us that you sent the Prince of Peace
 when war and violence overwhelm.
Remind us that you are the merciful judge
 when injustice seems to prevail.
Remind us that you give us all we need
 to do your work in the world.
Remind us that you give us grace
 so that we can be your people.
We confess our doubt, and trust in your love. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS³

While it is true that we have sinned,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven
through God's love in Jesus Christ.
To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say,
in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

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!



- ¹ O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- ² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
- ³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- ⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
- ⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,
- ⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
- ⁷ He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
- ⁸ He is mindful of his covenant forever,
of the word that he commanded for a
thousand generations,
- ⁹ the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,
- ¹⁰ which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
- ¹¹ saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your portion for an inheritance."



Holy Scripture

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

Matthew 13:31-33, 44

³¹ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with ³⁴ three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE “A lesson in determining value” Pastor Craig

*HYMN *I am Thine, O Lord* UMH 419

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Focus for August: Teachers, students, and their families, as the school year is about to begin.

Bible verses to remember: Colossians 3:12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Copies of the updated Church directory are available in the vestibule.

The church Administrative Council Meeting Minutes are available on the table in the vestibule.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Administrative Council will meet Tuesday, August 1 at 7 pm.

Breakfast for Supper Fundraiser, Friday, August 4, 4:30 – 6:30 pm.

United Women in Faith will meet Friday, August 11, at 2 pm.

Homecoming Service, Sunday, August 13, 11:15 am., with "Preacher Bob" and guest musician, Dr. Marsha Vanderwerff. Followed by a Covered-Dish Luncheon in the fellowship hall.

1. *The Worship Sourcebook*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, p. 50.
2. Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good." <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/>. Used with permission.
3. *The Worship Sourcebook*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, p. 121.
4. <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
Joe Bennett	Cancer Treatment
The family of Halley Burcham	Family member to Billy Gordy
Melissa Brown	Daughter of Maria Rogers
James Brunk	Friend to Billy and Margie Gordy
David Conrad	Cousin to Harold Kincaid
Delinda Dunlap-Ryan	Friend to Emily Kincaid
Cathy Hrestak	Cousin to Joe Bennett
Chris and Dawn Jones	In auto accident, per Margie Gordy
Scott Lane	Son to Janice Lane
Janice Lane	
Wanda Lingle	Cancer Treatments
David Linville	Friend to Harold Kincaid
Kristy Long	Daughter to Clara Long
Freddie Masencup	Friend to Sara Overton
Irene Mayo	Sister-in-law to Sara Overton
Sharon McGrath	Friend to Margie Gordy
Tappy McMillan	Sister-in-law to Sara Overton
Mary Ruth Neeley	Sister to Margie Gordy
Stephanie	Friend to Dianne Raynor
Donald and Sylvia Stewart	Friends to Sara Overton
Richard and Becky Thomas	Cousin to Lawson Family
Angie Toth	Cancer Surgery
Robin Willard	Broken arm and shoulder
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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