



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
August 6, 2023

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 6, 2023**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Beloved disciples, welcome.

Some of us come weary and hungry,
while others come rested and content.

Still others come ready to wrestle
with the questions that keep us up at night.

No matter how you enter this space, we say,

Come, let us worship God together!

Together, we notice the fatigue we carry,
the exhaustion that comes from our hunger for care
and connection with one another and with God.

Yet, when God says to feed one another, we answer,

We have nothing but...

Together, we feel the unrest and turmoil of grappling with
the unknown, unsure whether we are fighting for everyone's
well-being or merely our own stability.

Yet, when God tells us to start by loving God
and our neighbors, we answer,

We have nothing but...

Together, then, let us wrestle with our hungers
that we may be transformed into people
who seek and find God all around us,
so that when God calls us to feed the hungry
and struggle for those in need of help, we answer,

In you, we have everything.

Use us as you will. Amen.

*HYMN

To God Be the Glory

UMH 98

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!



Prayer for Deliverance from Persecutors

A Prayer of David.

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
- ² From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.
- ³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.
- ⁴ As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- ⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.
- ⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me; hear my words.
- ⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.
- ¹⁵ As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION²

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.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE "The God of more than enough" Pastor Craig

HOLY COMMUNION UMH 12-15

*HYMN *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* UMH 671

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.

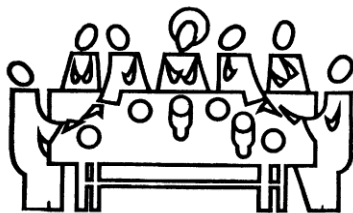
Copies of the updated Church directory are available in the vestibule.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Homecoming Service, Sunday, August 13, 11:15 am., with Rev. Wes McCloud (aka "Preacher Bob") and guest musician, Dr. Marsha Vanderwerff. The service will be followed by a Covered-Dish Luncheon in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.



1. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2023.
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
Joe Bennett	Cancer Treatment
Melissa Brown	Daughter of Maria Rogers
James Brunk	Friend to Billy and Margie Gordy
Cathy Childress	5703 Beaver Pond Trail, Pfafftown 27040
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
Mary Ruth Neeley	Sister to Margie Gordy
Keith Overton	More tests and treatment
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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Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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