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# HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Bulletin  
October 8, 2023

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 8, 2023**

**PRE-SERVICE PRAYER**

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

Come! Now is the time to worship!

**We come to worship God who guides us.**

After delivering the Israelites out of bondage,  
God continued to guide them, giving them commandments  
to shape and form their life with God and one another.

**God guides us as we learn to pattern our lives  
after the rhythms of God's grace.**

Jesus tells a story of a vineyard owner and his tenants who  
choose violence instead of giving the owner the fruits of the  
harvest, challenging us to choose—will we reject the  
Cornerstone or find in Jesus our sure foundation?

**God guides us as we learn to pattern our lives  
after the rhythms of God's grace.**

Too often we fall back into the pattern of rejecting what is good  
for us, forgetting that the life of faith is always about following  
God who provides for us and loves us.

**When we follow God's guidance,  
we learn to live God's new pattern of life described in the  
commandments and demonstrated by Christ.**

Come! Now is the time to worship!

**We come to worship God who guides us for the long haul.**

\*HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

UMH 77

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Liberating God, you give us commandments not as a burden to  
bear but as an invitation to live the life you have for us. Grant us  
open hearts ready to accept your invitation, that we might  
become a people who bear the fruit of the freedom and new life  
you give us. Amen.

*Silent prayer*

(Continued)

Loving and gracious God, you are so patient with us. We run away, and you seek us. We make foolish choices, and you teach us the better way. We hurt you and others, and instead of hurting us back, you forgive us. Help us, we pray; help us reveal your glory and goodness in our living, That we will bear the imprint of Christ throughout the world. 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 Winston-Salem Rescue 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!**



## PSALTER READING

Psalm 19:1-11 (UMH 750)

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.
- <sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;
- <sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
- <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- <sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
and nothing is hid from its heat.
- <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;
- <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;
- <sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb.
- <sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

## 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.

<sup>1</sup> Then God spoke all these words, <sup>2</sup> “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;

<sup>3</sup> you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. . . .

<sup>7</sup> “You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> “You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

<sup>18</sup> When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance <sup>19</sup> and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” <sup>20</sup> Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

“The Ten Commandments”

Pastor Craig

\*HYMN

*When We All Get to Heaven*

UMH 701

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 8, 2023

**Prayer Focus for October:** Unity within and among people in churches in our community, so that we might rightly proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who need to hear.

**Bible verses to remember: Ephesians 4:1-6** “. . . walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.”

**Wanted:** Someone to learn about the sound system. If you are interested, please contact Joe Bennett.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**United Women in Faith**, Friday, October 13, at 2:00 pm

1. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2023.
2. Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good.' Used with permission. <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/>.
3. <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	Hospital and Cancer Treatment
Melissa Brown	Daughter of Maria Rogers
Jenna & Griffin Brawner	Raynor's daughter and son-in-law
James Brunk	Inlaw of Billy and Margie Gordy
Cathy Childress	5703 Beaver Pond Trail, Pfafftown 27040
Ray Gordy	Brother to Billy Gordy
Cathy Hrestak	Cousin to Joe Bennett
Chris Jones	Friend to Margie Gordy
Scott Lane	Son to Janice Lane
Janice Lane	
Wanda Lingle	Cancer Treatments
David Linville	Friend to Harold Kincaid
Kristy Long	Daughter of 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	Treatment
Tammy Parham	Daughter to Wanda Manring
Carrie Snow	Sister to Mark Snow
Stephanie	Friend to Dianne Raynor
Donald and Sylvia Stewart	Friends to Sara Overton
Richard and Becky Thomas	Cousin to Lawson Family
Angie Toth	Cancer Treatments
Robin Willard	Broken arm and shoulder
Christian Willard and family	
Wade Willard	Friend of Billy & Margie Gordy

## Shut-ins

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

Ron Fulp, Holiday Forsyth Court, 2945 Reynolda Road—Apt. 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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