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# HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Bulletin  
October 22, 2023

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost  
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**PRE-SERVICE PRAYER**

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

We gather today

to remember and proclaim that we are God's people.

**We are God's people! God's presence is among us!**

Like Moses, we seek an encounter with God's goodness.

**God, show us your goodness**

**that we may glorify you in all that we do.**

God's goodness passes by us every day in the gracious gifts of creation and in the faces of our neighbors.

**God, help us notice your goodness**

**in everything and everyone that we meet.**

When we notice God's goodness all around us,

we recognize this truth: all things are God's.

**Let us give to God the things that are God's! Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

UMH 514

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Let us now come before God together to confess the ways we have missed the mark, seeking forgiveness and reconciliation with God and one another.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not given you the things that are yours. We quibble over technicalities and argue over questions that do not lead us to love you, ourselves, or our neighbors well.**

**We ignore your goodness that is all around us, and we do not allow ourselves to be filled with the Spirit who empowers us to live as people who glorify you.**

(Continued)

**We do not recognize your holy touch in the world around us, and we neglect our responsibility to treat all things and all people as sacred.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and free us to live in love and peace with you, with ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation. Amen.**

*Time of silent reflection*

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us greet one another with signs of peace and thanksgiving saying, "Thank you for being the presence of God today."

**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!**

## **Praise to God for His Holiness**

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- <sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
Holy is he!
- <sup>4</sup> Mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.
- <sup>5</sup> Extol the LORD our God;  
worship at his footstool.  
Holy is he!
- <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.  
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.
- <sup>7</sup> He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his decrees  
and the statutes that he gave them.
- <sup>8</sup> O LORD our God, you answered them;  
you were a forgiving God to them  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- <sup>9</sup> Extol the LORD our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain,  
for the LORD our God is holy.

## **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>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' <sup>13</sup> Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people." <sup>14</sup> He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. <sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

<sup>17</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." <sup>18</sup> Moses said, "Please show me your glory." <sup>19</sup> And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup> But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live." <sup>21</sup> And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; <sup>23</sup> then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

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

RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

"Favor in the sight of God"

Pastor Craig

\*HYMN

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

UMH 361

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

**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.”

*Thank you.* We deeply appreciate your recent gift of \$50.50 to the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission. You are truly helping to transform lives in our community by providing life-changing meals, shelter, training and other help for your neighbors who are homeless and hurting. *Leo Carrico, Executive director*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Breakfast for Supper Fundraiser**, Friday, November 3, 4:30 – 6:30 pm.

**Northwest Forsyth Missional Network Charge Conference Worship**, Sunday, November 5, at 3:00 p.m. at Faith UMC, 1645 Griffin Road, Rural Hall, NC 27045.

**Administrative Council**, Tuesday, November 7, at 7:00 pm.

**United Women in Faith**, Friday, November 10, at 2:00 pm.

**Charge Conference** at Hickory Ridge, Sunday, November 19, at 3:00 pm, with Rev. Sandra Ireson, presiding elder.

1. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2023.

2. Ibid.

3. <https://prayerist.com/prayer/illuminationumc>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

The people in Ukraine

Joe Bennett	Hospital and Cancer Treatment
Melissa Brown	Daughter of Maria Rogers
Jenna & Griffin Brawner	Daughter and son-in-law to Raynors
James Brunk	In-law 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-in-law to Beverly 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

Hickory Ridge United Methodist Church  
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Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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