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# HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Bulletin  
March 3, 2024

**Third Sunday in Lent  
March 3, 2024**

**PRE-SERVICE PRAYER**

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

Lenten travelers, why are you here?

**We gather to do the work of worship.**

Lenten travelers, what happens when we gather to worship?

**We listen and proclaim.**

**We sing and pray.**

**We repent and encourage.**

Lenten travelers, how do we do the work of worship?

**We bring all that we are to be present to God  
and one another.**

Lenten travelers, what work does God do in worship?

**God raises us up  
so that we can delight in life together  
with God and one another.**

Lenten travelers, come, let us worship God together!

**Come, let us worship God together! Amen.**

**LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY** Beverly Snow & Annette Wood

\*HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

UMH 529

**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 City with Dwellings.*

### \*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 (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.
- <sup>12</sup> But who can detect one's own errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.
- <sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent;<sup>[d]</sup>  
do not let them have dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless  
and innocent of great transgression.
- <sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.



## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION<sup>2</sup>

Living God, help us to hear your Word with open hearts so that we may truly understand; and understanding, that we may believe; and, believing, that we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE TEXT

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

“The Wisdom of God”

Pastor Craig

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 12-15

\*HYMN *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* UMH 614

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 3, 2024

**Prayer Focus for March:** Commitment to discipline of prayer.

**Bible verse to remember: Philippians 4:6-7 (KJV)** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

### **Birthdays in March**

2 Becky Weeden

5 Judy Lawson

19 Jason Lingle

21 Drew Overton

27 Ashleigh Oldson

28 Dorothy Lawson

28 Anthony Nieves

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Administrative Council**, Tuesday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m.

**United Women in Faith** meets on the second Friday of each month. The next meeting will be Friday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m.

**Chocolate Peanut Butter Easter Egg Orders** must be turned in by March 17. Please your order in the offering plate or give it to Pat Bennett or Dianne Raynor.

**Palm Sunday**, March 24. Everyone in the church will be provided a palm for morning worship.

**Good Friday Prayer Chain**, March 29. We will ask people to sign up to pray for 15 minutes or more, from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

**Easter Sunday**, March 31, will feature the Living Cross in front of the church.

1. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2023.
2. The Worship Sourcebook, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, 142.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

The people in Ukraine

Melissa Brown	Daughter of Maria Rogers
James Brunk	In law of Billy Gordy
Joy Brunk	Sister of Billy Gordy
Cathy Childress	5703 Beaver Pond Trail, Pfafftown 27040
Jimmy Clayton	Nephew of Billy Gordy
The Family of Sallie Crouse	
Ray Dillon	6065 Germanton Road, W-S 27105
Dorothy Frye	Friend of Dianne Raynor
Ray Gordy	Brother of Billy Gordy
Bobby & Shirley Griffin	Friend of Dianne Raynor
Kay Huneycutt	6700 S Germanton Rd, Germanton 27019
Scott Lane	Son of Janice Lane
Bonnie Lane	Sister-in-law of Janice Lane
Janice Lane	
David Linville	Friend of Harold Kincaid
Keith	Friend of Dianne Raynor
Kristy Long	Daughter of Clara Long
Kayla Manring	Friend of Annette Wood
Freddie Masencup	Friend of Sara Overton
Irene Mayo	Sister-in-law of Sara Overton
Kory McInchak	Nephew of Margie Gordy
Mary Ruth Neeley	Sister of Margie Gordy
Keith Overton	Treatment
Larry & Angie Shelton	Neice & Nephew of Billy Gordy
T.J. and Heather Small	Friend of Dianne Raynor
Stephanie	Friend of Dianne Raynor
Donald and Sylvia Stewart	Friends of Sara Overton
Rebekah Tate	Friend of Dianne Raynor
Angie Toth	Cancer Treatments
Christian Willard and family	
Wade Willard	Friend of Billy & Margie Gordy

## Shut-ins

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

Betty Eddinger—Room 720, 1250 Arbor Road, Winston-Salem 27104

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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