



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
March 31, 2024

**Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

The tomb is dark, but empty

The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness

The stone has been rolled away

The one you are looking for has overcome death

The burial clothes are put aside

The one you are looking for is alive!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Let us worship our Risen Savior!

*HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

UMH 302

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Gracious and Patient God,

we come before you with so many things which weigh us down. We would like an "easy" faith, one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have forsaken you.

But faith is never easy.

It requires our very souls.

Forgive us, God, for all those things which we have neglected to do that would have helped someone else to be closer to you.

Heal our hearts from the wounds

which have been inflicted upon us by the anger and misunderstandings which occur in relationships.

Prepare our lives to be of service to you.

In silence, we wait. We long for your presence and your healing touch. AMEN.

(Continued)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is merciful. God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Feel the healing, loving power of God in your lives, for it is given to you through Jesus Christ. **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 House of Refuge.

*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!**



- 14 The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
- 15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”
- 17 I shall not die, but I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
- 20 This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Mark 16:1-8

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"He Is Lord!"

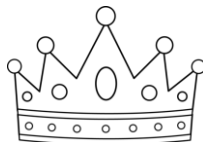
Pastor Craig

*HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 31, 2024

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor of Betty Eddinger and in memory of Bob Eddinger.

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 April

1 Wanda Manring	14 Susan Kincaid
2 Emily Kincaid	16 Susan Lawing Morgan
5 Barbara White	18 Chad Lawson
5 Roger Hester	28 LeeAnna Kincaid
14 Lee Childress	

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

Administrative Council, Tuesday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m.

United Women in Faith meets on the second Friday of each month. The next meeting will be Friday, April 12, at 2:00 p.m.

Shredding Events

Fairview Moravian Church, April 13, 9 am – Noon

Mount Tabor UMC, April 13, 9 am – Noon

Shepherd's Center, April 20, 9 am – Noon

Bethel Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, 9 am – Noon

Mount Carmel Methodist Church, April 27, 10 am – 1 pm

Town of Rural Hall, May 4, 9 am – Noon

1. Written by Rev. Mindi on her Rev-o-lution blog, <http://rev-o-lution.org/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/04/easter-call-to-worship.html>.
2. Written by Nancy C. Townley, posted on the Ministry Matters website at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2507/worship-connection-easter-2021>.

PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

The people in Ukraine

Debbie Bennett	Niece of Kay Huneycutt
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
Ray Dillon	6065 Germanton Road, W-S 27105
Dorothy Frye	Friend of Dianne Raynor
Ron Fulp	Village Care of King, Room 517 440 Ingram Road, King, NC 27021
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
Kayla Manning	Niece 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	
Tammy Parham	Daughter of Wanda Manning
Susan Ratcliffe	Cancer Treatment
Arthur Rogers	Brother of Maria Rogers
Larry & Angie Shelton	Niece & Nephew of Billy Gordy
Heather Small	Friend of Dianne Raynor
Stephanie	Friend of Dianne Raynor
Sylvia Stewart	Friend of Sara Overton
Rebekah Tate	Friend of Dianne Raynor
Angie Toth	Cancer Treatments
Christian Willard and family	
Wade Willard	Friend of Billy & Margie Gordy
Wayne	Friend of Margie

Shut-ins

Martha Collins, Mallard Ridge, 9420 N NC Hwy 150, Clemmons 27012
Betty Eddinger—Room 720, 1250 Arbor Road, Winston-Salem 27104
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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