



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
April 7, 2024

**Second Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion
April 7, 2024**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

How shall we live when shadows gather?

**Drawn to God's unquenchable light,
we are also drawn into one another's presence.**

What was hidden has been revealed;
we are woven together with all Creation.

**When we live in the light,
as God is in the light, we are one with each other.**

Let us worship God, who is our Light and Salvation.

*HYMN

Christ is Risen

UMH 307

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 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!



The Blessedness of Unity

A Song of Ascents.

- ¹ How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

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

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

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| MESSAGE | “Believing and Belonging” | Pastor Craig |
| HOLY COMMUNION | | UMH 12-15 |
| *HYMN | <i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i> | UMH 557 |
| DISMISSAL AND BLESSING | | |



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 7, 2024

Prayer Focus for April: The healing of our land.

Bible verse to remember: 2 Chronicles 7:14 “If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

Birthdays in April

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| 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 | |

Thank you: Thank you so much for contributing to Murdoch Development Center’s Campership Fund. With your financial support, the people at the Center can attend camp and/or a daytime camp experience. Your commitment makes a difference in their lives. *April Hodges, Volunteer Services Coordinator*

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. Paul Mitchell, Walla Walla, WA (ancestral homelands of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Palus, and Walla Walla), senior pastor of Pioneer United Methodist Church. He is an elder in full Connection in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference and is involved in the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement.

PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

The people in Ukraine

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| 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 203 440 Ingram Road, King, NC 27021 |
| Ray Gordy | Brother of Billy Gordy |
| Bobby & Shirley Griffin | Friends 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 |
| 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 | Neice & Nephew of Billy Gordy |
| 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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