



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
April 14, 2024

**Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

How shall we live when lavished with love?

**“We are God’s children,
but it has not been revealed
what we are to become in the future.”**

Just as in our origins,
our future is tied to our planet.

**Creator has given us partners
for mutual flourishing.**

Let us worship God,
who makes all things new.

*HYMN *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* UMH 315

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.

A moment of silent reflection

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ,
the light of 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 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!**



Confident Plea for Deliverance from Enemies

To the leader: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
- ² How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words and seek after
lies? *Selah*
- ³ But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.
- ⁴ When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*
- ⁵ Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.
- ⁶ There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"
- ⁷ You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.
- ⁸ I will both lie down and sleep in peace,
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

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.

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

² Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE “Everyone who does what is right” Pastor Craig

*HYMN

He Touched Me

UMH 367

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 14, 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

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	

Administrative Council meets on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m.

United Women in Faith meets on the second Friday of each month. The next meeting will be Friday, May 10, at 2:00 p.m.

Shredding Events

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. By Rev. Paul Mitchell, Walla Walla, WA (ancestral homelands of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Palus, and Walla Walla), is the 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.
2. From the PCUSA Book of Common Worship Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1993; p. 88

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 Family	
Marty Galyean	Friend of Pat Bennett
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

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Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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