



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
April 28, 2024

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Easter people,
we have been saved by the Risen Christ,
the life-giving Vine.

**We abide in Love,
the life-giving Vine.**

We are branches of the Vine—
sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

**We have no life apart from Love,
the life-giving Vine.**

When we make our home in the Vine,
and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

**We produce the fruit of Love,
the life-giving Vine.**

Easter people,

how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

**We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work,
and build community with God and one another. Amen.**

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Merciful One,
you know when we are afraid to love;
you know when we are too cowardly
to show mercy.

**Remind us again
that perfect love casts out such fears.**

Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love,
even in the face of our imperfections.

**Imbue us with a love so strong,
with such growth toward perfection,
that we may cast aside our pride
and embrace the power of love.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE²

Christ is the vine. We are simply branches.

If we abide in Christ, Christ's words will abide in us.

Ask for whatever you wish in Christ's name

and it will be granted.

In the name of Christ,

you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!

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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!



- 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
 my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
 those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
 May your hearts live forever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember
 and turn to the LORD,
 and all the families of the nations
 shall worship before him.
- 28 For dominion belongs to the LORD,
 and he rules over the nations.
- 29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
 before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
 and I shall live for him.
- 30 Posterity will serve him;
 future generations will be told about the Lord
- 31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
 saying that he has done 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.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, “I love God,” and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE “The two parts of salvation” Pastor Craig

*HYMN *I Need Thee Every Hour* UMH 397

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 28, 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.”

Prayer Focus for May: Keeping our heart and mind pure.

Bible verse to remember: Philippians 4:8 “Finally, beloved, whatever is pure, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

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	

Anniversaries in May

1 Anthony and Brooke Nieves
7 Chris and Robin Willard

Birthdays in May

4 Aubrey Oldson	13 Pat Bennett
4 Annette Wood	16 Lucas Willard
5 Tommy Lawson	19 Billy Gordy
5 Mitch Overton	29 Martha Collins
9 Gary Fulp	

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

United Women in Faith meets Thursday, May 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Shredding Event

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

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
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
Gracie Maydeen	Great niece of Annette Wood
Irene Mayo	Sister-in-law of Sara Overton
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
Keith Snow	Uncle of Mark Snow
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	
The family of 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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