



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
May 12, 2024

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
May 12, 2024**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Easter people, raise your voices,
for you belong to the Risen Christ!

**We belong to Christ,
and so we share in Christ together.**

Just as we share in Christ together,
so we are called to share Christ with the world.

We share Christ

by proclaiming the good news of God's love to the world.

How will you share God's love with the world?

**By loving, respecting, and honoring our neighbors,
especially those the world neglects, overlooks, and ignores.**

Easter people, you belong to the Risen Christ!

**Because we belong to Christ,
we will share Christ's love and belonging everywhere we go.**

*HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers, first in silence.

Offer silent prayers of confession.

**Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit,
so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day
into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is
different.**

(Continued)

We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote.

We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that.

We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. 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 Senior Services Meals on Wheels.

***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!**

- ¹ Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread
or sit in the seat of scoffers,
² but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
³ They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
⁴ The wicked are not so
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
⁶ for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION³

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE TEXT

1 John 5:9-13

⁹ If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

MESSAGE

“Abiding in Jesus”

Pastor Craig

*HYMN

O Church of God, United

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DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 12, 2024

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

Bible verse to remember: Philippians 4:8 “Finally, beloved, whatever is true, 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.”

Anniversaries in May

1 Anthony and Brooke Nieves

7 Chris and Robin Willard

Birthdays in May

4 Aubrey Oldson

13 Pat Bennett

5 Tommy Lawson

16 Lucas Willard

5 Mitch Overton

19 Billy Gordy

9 Gary Fulp

29 Martha Collins

Church Picnic, Sunday, June 2, 4:30 p.m. We will have hamburgers, hot dogs, desserts, and beverages.

Administrative Council meets Tuesday, June 4, at 7:00 p.m.

United Women in Faith meets Friday, June 7, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.



1. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2023.
2. Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission. <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/>.
3. From [https://www.caldwellpresby.org/docs/resources/Prayers for Illumination.pdf](https://www.caldwellpresby.org/docs/resources/Prayers%20for%20Illumination.pdf)

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
Kay Huneycutt	6700 S Germanton Rd, Germanton 27019
Scott Lane	Son 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
Angie Toth	Cancer Treatments
Christian Willard and family	

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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