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# HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship Bulletin  
May 19, 2024

**Eighth Sunday of Easter  
Pentecost Sunday  
May 19, 2024**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Pay attention. Can you feel it?

The Holy Spirit breathes among us. Breathe in love.

Breathe in provision. Breathe in connection and flourishing.

Because the Spirit never quits breathing among us, assuring us:

Pay attention. Can you sense it?

God is always putting us back together.

In dreams of abundance and visions of cooperation,

in the cacophony of voices who share and receive the good news

in their own languages, the Spirit revives us and restores us,

reminding us:

\*HYMN

*Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love*

UMH 422

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

We do not stop enough to listen to the still-speaking God.

And like the people of Jerusalem long ago,

we often misunderstand the Spirit's movement among us.

In the silence and stillness of this moment,

let us draw near to God and listen.

[*Silence*]

Let us confess together:

**We confess to you, Renewing Spirit,  
that we confuse unity with uniformity,  
and diversity with divisiveness.**

**We speak and behave as if being a part of your family  
means assimilating others to our way of living.**

**We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person.**

(Continued)

**We long to change these patterns, O Creator,  
but we do not know how.  
Teach us to value challenge.  
Help us to see strength in difference.  
And empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and  
love. Amen.**

Hear the good news!  
God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh,  
and we have been made one.  
We are no longer scattered or divided,  
but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth.

Thanks be to God!

**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!**

- <sup>24</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- <sup>25</sup> There is the sea, great and wide;  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.
- <sup>26</sup> There go the ships  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
- <sup>27</sup> These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;
- <sup>28</sup> when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
- <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.
- <sup>30</sup> When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.
- <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works—
- <sup>32</sup> who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
- <sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- <sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION<sup>3</sup>

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.**

<sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

“The Spirit of Truth”

Pastor Craig

\*HYMN

*Spirit Song*

UMH 347

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

**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. From <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/these-bones-will-live/the-day-of-pentecost-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/the-day-of-pentecost-year-b-liturgical-resources>
2. Written by Rev. Mary Nelson Abbott in Come, Let Us Build. Posted on the United Church of Christ's *Worship Ways Archive* <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-c/p/pentecost-sunday.html>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/04/pentecost-confession.html>.
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
Sue Mitchell	
Mary Ruth Neeley	Sister of Margie Gordy
Keith Overton	
Tammy Parham	Daughter of Wanda Manning
Susan Ratcliffe	Cancer Treatment
Dianne Raynor	Recovering after surgery
Rierson Family	
Arthur Rogers	Brother of Maria Rogers
Maria Rogers	Recovering after surgery
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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