



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
May 26, 2024

**Trinity Sunday
May 26, 2024**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

God, sometimes we show up to worship
ready to encounter your presence.

We know you are always with us.

Sometimes we catch glimpses of you at home, work, or school—
in a smile, in a gentle breeze, in the joy of being together.

We know you are always with us.

But God, we hesitate to encounter you in all of your glory, afraid
to be overwhelmed by your love and holiness.

**And yet, we know you are always with us
in the fullness of your glory.**

Ready our hearts today to encounter more of your glory,
your love, holiness, and glory that is always present with us.

**We come today to enter the dance of the all-consuming
presence of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* UMH 64

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

O God,
You are holy,
and deep within ourselves
where our souls touch the ground,
where our being meets your being,
we are on holy ground
and your holiness surrounds us
and calls our name.

Your holiness is your goodness,
your generosity towards us
and the silence which waits
and hopes and is glad
and disappointed - and waits.

(Continued)

Set us free to be holy.
Set us free to be for ourselves a place
where sacredness is joy and peace.
And let us be a sacred space for others
and make sacredness for them.

Dwell in us as in a holy temple,
that we may know stillness
and that we may sense the fragrance of your love
and bring that fragrance to
where life is a stench and putrid and stale,
within ourselves and within our world.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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!

The Voice of God in a Great Storm

A Psalm of David.

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl
and strips the forest bare,
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

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.**

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

“To Save the World”

Pastor Craig

*HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

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DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 26, 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 June

10 March and Beverly Snow

Birthday in May

29 Martha Collins

Birthdays in June

1 Bryce Snow	14 Keith Overton
2 Sandy Stomean	18 Beverly Snow
4 Annette Wood	18 Harold Kincaid
5 Vicki Martin Hall	19 Canaan Fulp

The Administrative Council meeting scheduled for June 4 has been cancelled. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, July 2, at 7:00 p.m.

United Women in Faith meets Friday, June 14, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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

1. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2024.
2. Adapted from prayer written by William Loader, posted at <http://wwwstaff.murdoch.edu.au/~loader/reflectiveindex.html>. Reposted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/05/prayer-gods-holiness.html>.
3. From <https://www.caldwellpresby.org/docs/resources/Prayers for Illumination.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
The family of 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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