

HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin June 2, 2024

Second Sunday after Pentecost June 2, 2024

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP1

The psalmist declares, "Lord, you have searched me and known me." Will you open yourselves to be searched by God? Search us, O God, and know our hearts.

God searches you, knows you, and loves you, and invites you to search out God in return.
Will you seek the heart of God?

We will search you, O God, to know your heart.

The Triune God who creates all and knows all is revealed in running rivers and fluttering butterflies, in warm sunshine and the smell of the earth. Will you pay attention?

We will pay attention, O God, to your fingerprint of love on all of creation.

Open our hearts today to encounter your love, holiness, and glory that create and sustain all that was, is, and will be.

We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, the all-knowing Creator and Sustainer of life.

*HYMN Ask Ye What Great Things I Know UMH 163

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

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 Inescapable God

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.

- ¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
- ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
- ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- ¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
- My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.
- ¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION2

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.**

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶ how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" ²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

3 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ² They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴ Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE "Stretch Forth Your Hand" Pastor Craig

HOLY COMMUNION UMH 12-15

*HYMN Precious Lord, Take My Hand UMH 474

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Prayer focus for June: First Responders & Military

Bible verse to remember: 1 Timothy 2:1-4

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth

Anniversaries in June

10 March and Beverly Snow

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. 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 Daughter of Maria Rogers Melissa Brown The family of James Brunk In law of Billy Gordy

Sister of Billy Gordy Joy Brunk

Cathy Childress 5703 Beaver Pond Trail, Pfafftown 27040

Jimmy Clayton Nephew of Billy Gordy

6065 Germanton Road, W-S 27105 Ray Dillon

Dorothy Frye Friend of Dianne Raynor Marty Galyean Cousin of Pat Bennett Ray Gordy Brother of Billy Gordy

6700 S Germanton Rd, Germanton 27019 Kay Huneycutt

Scott Lane Son of Janice Lane

Janice Lane

David Linville Friend of Harold Kincaid Kayla Manring 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 Recovering after surgery Dianne Raynor

Rierson Family

Arthur Rogers Brother of Maria Rogers Maria Rogers Recovering after surgery Niece & Nephew of Billy Gordy Larry & Angie Shelton

Keith Snow Uncle of Mark Snow Friend of Dianne Raynor Stephanie Friend of Sara Overton Sylvia Stewart Cancer Treatments Angie Toth

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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