



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
June 9, 2024

**Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 9, 2024**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Some of us come today
with hearts weighed down with anxiety, fear, despair, and hurt.
Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Some of us come today
with hearts that feel light with relief, joy, comfort, and gratitude.
Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Some of us come today
not knowing what we think about God,
confused and disappointed that the world God made
is so full of evils of every kind. Together we cling to this truth:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Be with us, God, in all that we bring with us,
as we gather to encounter your unchanging love.

**We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity
who is immutable in love. Amen.**

*HYMN

My Hope is Built

UMH 368

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

**Holy and uncontainable God,
For trying to contain you, forgive us.
Loving and limitless God,
For trying to limit you, forgive us.
Gracious and boundless God,
For trying to bind you, forgive us.
Sometimes we are foolish enough
To believe that it is to our advantage
to reduce you to something we can comprehend.
Forgive us, Almighty God. 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!**



Thanksgiving and Praise

- ¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
- ² I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and
your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name
and your word above everything.
- ³ On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.^[c]
- ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
- ⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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.**

SUMMER SERIES:

The Wisdom of Solomon

SCRIPTURE TEXT

1 Kings 3:3-15

³ Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. ⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶ And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴ If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem, where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. He offered up burnt offerings and offerings of well-being and provided a feast for all his servants.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE “An understanding mind” Pastor Craig

*HYMN *Lead On, O King Eternal* UMH 580

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 will meet Tuesday, July 2, at 7:00 p.m.

United Women in Faith will meet Friday, June 14, at 2:00 p.m. in the education building.

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

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PRAYER REQUESTS

All Military Personnel and All First Responders

The people in Ukraine

Ron Baldwin	Friend of Becky Weeden
Debbie Bennett	Niece of Kay Huneycutt
Melissa Brown	Daughter of Maria Rogers
Joy Brunk	Sister of Billy Gordy
Cathy Childress	5703 Beaver Pond Trail, Pfafftown 27040
Fred Crews	Friend of Church
Dorothy Frye	Friend of Dianne Raynor
Marty Galyean	Cousin of Pat Bennett
Ray Gordy	Brother of Billy Gordy
Kay Huneycutt	6700 S Germanton Rd, Germanton 27019
Hunter Family	Friends of Dianne Raynor
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
Irene Mayo	Sister-in-law of Sara Overton
Sharon McGrath	Friend of Margie
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	Niece & 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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Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
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