



HICKORY RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Bulletin
June 16, 2024

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 16, 2024**

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

We believe God will save us in times of trouble.

We believe. Help our unbelief.

We know that God has saved us in the past,
tending and helping us along the way.

We know what God has done for us. Help us when we forget.

We call on God's power when we feel powerless to respond,
believing and knowing that God will save.

We believe and we know that God will answer when we call.

God, open our hearts today to encounter your love that acts with
us and through us to bring flourishing to all of your creation.

**We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity,
who is all-powerful to save. Amen.**

*HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

UMH 154

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

**We confess that we don't always like
the way your power works.**

**We blame you for all that goes wrong in the world,
and yet we forget that you empower us to resist evil.**

**We want you to help us in exactly the way we ask,
and yet we forget that we are not the authors
of our own salvation.**

**We say we desire for your kingdom to come,
and yet, we forget to listen to your voice calling us to work
for the flourishing of our neighbors.**

**Forgive us, and free us to cooperate with you
in the work of salvation for ourselves,
our community, and all of creation. 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!**



Prayer for Victory

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- ² May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion.
- ³ May he remember all your offerings
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. *Selah*
- ⁴ May he grant you your heart's desire
and fulfill all your plans.
- ⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory
and in the name of our God set up our banners.
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.
- ⁶ Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.
- ⁷ Some take pride in chariots and some in horses,
but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.
- ⁸ They will collapse and fall,
but we shall rise and stand upright.
- ⁹ Give victory to the king, O LORD;
answer us when we call.

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.**

SUMMER SERIES—WEEK 2: The Wisdom of Solomon**SCRIPTURE TEXT**

1 Kings 3:16-28

¹⁶ Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. ¹⁷ The one woman said, "Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house, and I gave birth while she was in the house.

¹⁸ Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house; only the two of us were in the house. ¹⁹ Then this woman's son died in the night because she lay on him. ²⁰ She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast and laid her dead son at my breast. ²¹ When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead, but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne." ²² But the other woman said, "No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours." The first said, "No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine." So they argued before the king.

²³ Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son who is alive, and your son is dead,' while the other says, 'Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.' " ²⁴ So the king said, "Bring me a sword," and they brought a sword before the king. ²⁵ The king said, "Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one and half to the other." ²⁶ But the woman whose son was alive said to the king, because compassion for her son burned within her, "Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!" The other said, "It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it." ²⁷ Then the king responded, "Give her the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother." ²⁸ All Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to execute justice.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE "A study in wise decision making" Pastor Craig

*HYMN *Faith of Our Fathers* UMH 710

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, July 12, 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.



1. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2024.
2. Ibid.
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

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
Freeda 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 Gordy
Becca McLeod	2539 Timber Lane, Greensboro, NC 27408
Sue Mitchell	
Mary Ruth Neeley	Sister of Margie Gordy
Keith Overton	Son of Sara Overton
Tammy Parham	Daughter of Wanda Manning
Susan Ratcliffe	Wife of Wayne Ratcliffe
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 Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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