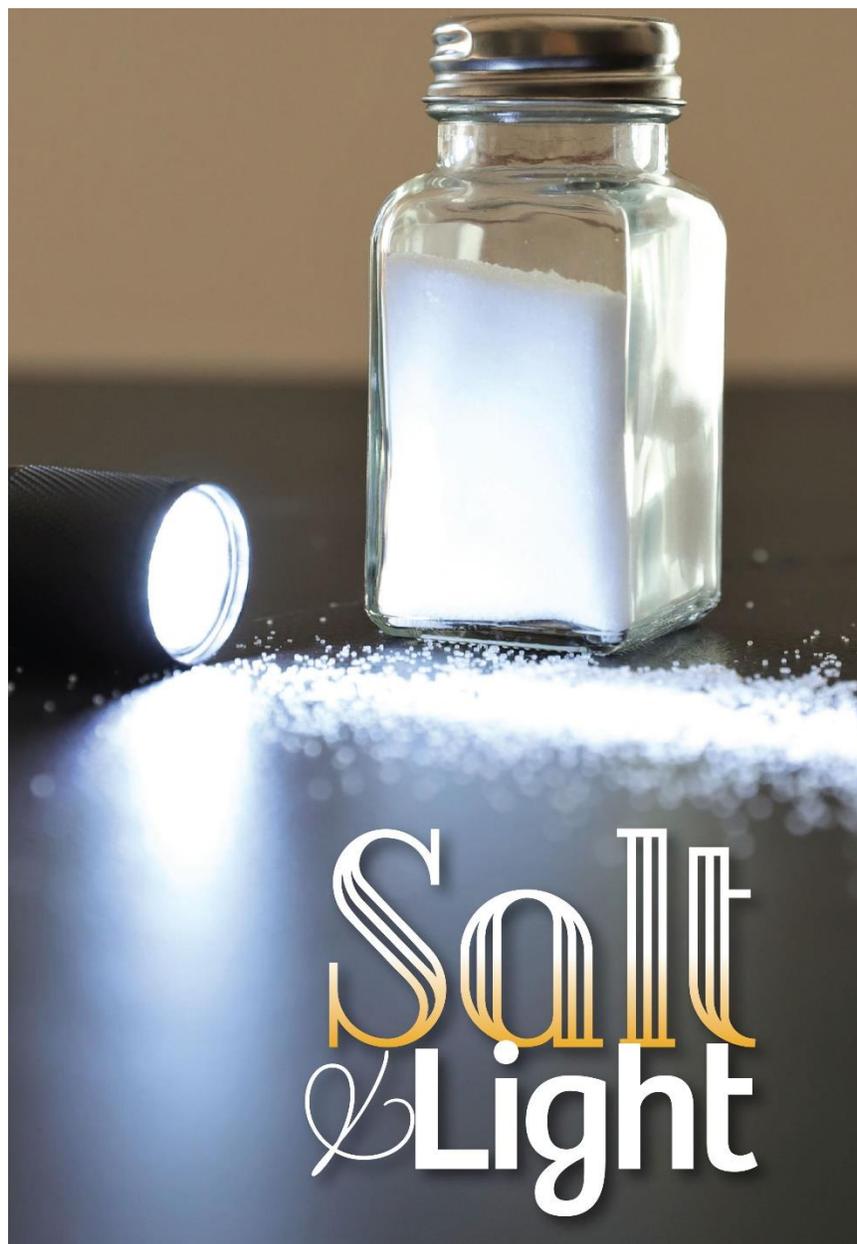


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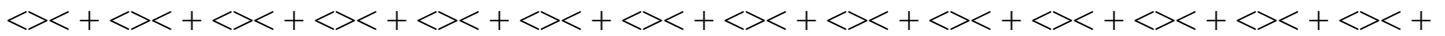
*“To all who mourn and need comfort,  
to all who are tired and need rest,  
to all who are lonely and need companionship,  
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,  
this church opens wide its doors.”*

# 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

## “Salt and Light”

Isaiah 58:1-12; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Psalm 112:1-9 (UMH 833); Matthew 5: 13-20

February 5, 2023



### Prelude

#### *“Morning Has Broken”*

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### Welcome & Announcements

Good morning! I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I welcome you to our time of worship today. I welcome those who are present with us in the sanctuary as well as those worshipping online via our Facebook and YouTube pages. We welcome your feedback as we continue offering in person and online worship.

We are tracking our attendance, so thank you in advance to all who will let us know that you have watched or read our service this morning. Please email our Administrative Assistant at [tappmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:tappmethodist@gmail.com), with your attendance information.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

### \* Opening Hymn

#### *“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

UMH # 57, v. 1-3, 7

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| <p>1. O for a thousand tongues to sing<br/>my great Redeemer's praise,<br/>the glories of my God and King,<br/>the triumphs of his grace!</p> <p>3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,<br/>that bids our sorrows cease;<br/>'tis music in the sinner's ears,<br/>'tis life, and health, and peace.</p> | <p>2. My gracious Master and my God,<br/>assist me to proclaim,<br/>to spread through all the earth abroad<br/>the honors of thy name.</p> <p>7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know,<br/>shall feel your sins forgiven;<br/>anticipate your heaven below,<br/>and own that love is heaven.</p> |
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### \* Call to Worship:

Happy are those who worship the lord and delight in God's precepts.

**They rise before dawn as a light to the upright.**

They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**They shine their light before others for all the world to see.**

They will never be moved.

**Let this be our worship.**

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### \* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

You do not desire a fast of sackcloth and ashes, but a fast of righteous. You ask us to loose the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs of the yoke, and set the captives free. Train our hearts to do what is right, O God, not what is easy. May we live our days among the righteous, that we may never be

moved, but dwell secure in your mercy and your grace. Amen.

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## Prayer of Yearning

**Caretaker of our souls, aid us in our quest. We long to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We yearn to live with such passion and purpose that our lives may be like a city on a hill, resplendent in justice and righteousness for all the world to see. Shine through us this day, for we seek to reflect your glory in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.**

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## The Declaration of Pardon

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

## Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

## Children's Time

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

### Scriptures

**Isaiah 58:1-12**

**pp. 688-689**

**58** Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

*2* When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. *2* For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. *3* And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. *4* My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, *5* so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

*6* Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. *7* But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. *8* None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. *9* But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—*10* these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. *11* For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. *12* Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

***"Mighty to Save"***

**Choir**

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**\* Psalter**

**Psalm 112:1-9**

**UMH # 833**

*1* Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord,  
who greatly delight in God's commandments!

***2* Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

*3* Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures for ever.

***4* They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

*5* It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.

***6* For the righteous shall never be moved;  
they will be remembered for ever.**

*7* They are not afraid of evil tidings;  
their hearts are firm, trusting in the Lord.

**When they see their adversaries,  
their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid.**

*9* They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;  
their righteousness endures for ever;  
their horn is exalted in honor.

**\* The Gloria Patri**

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;***

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\* Gospel**

**Matthew 5:13-20**

**pg. 4**

*<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Prayer before the Sermon**

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O God our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

**The Sermon**

**“Salt & Light”**

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

**\* Hymn of Response**

**“As a Fire is Meant for Burning”**

**FWS # 2237**

1. As a fire is meant for burning  
with a bright and warming flame,  
so the church is meant for mission,  
giving glory to God’s name.  
Not to preach our creeds or customs,  
but to build a bridge of care,  
we join hands across the nations,  
finding neighbors everywhere.
2. We are learners; we are teachers;  
we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers;  
we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle, loving actions  
we would show that Christ is light.  
In a humble, listening Spirit  
we would live to God’s delight.
3. As a green bud in the springtime  
is a sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness  
‘mid earth’s peoples, many hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens  
when a storm is past and gone,  
may our lives reflect the radiance  
of God’s new and glorious dawn.

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**\* Affirmation of Faith**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**UMH # 881**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**the third day he rose from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns**

We want to continue to pray for the healing of the nations through this pandemic, and for all those impacted by: war – especially the people of Ukraine and Russia; natural disasters; and other catastrophic events. Remember those who have been in the hospital for treatments and surgeries, as well as for COVID 19. Remember those who are isolated with no one to interact with. Please continue to pray for: your prayer partners; our homebound folks; those in nursing, rehabilitative, and assisted living facilities; as well as for those on the front lines. Please let us know of other prayer concerns and needs.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **The Offering**

Please remember to keep your tithes and offerings current so that the ministries of our church can continue. You may mail them to P. O. Box 326, Tappahannock, VA 22560, use the E-Giving link available on our website [www.tappahannockmethodist.org](http://www.tappahannockmethodist.org), or download our mobile e-giving app identified on the last page of today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

#### **The Offertory**

#### ***“As the Deer / Fairest Lord Jesus”***

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#### **\* Doxology**

**UMH # 95**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

#### **\* A Service of Word and Table I**

**UMH # 9-11**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread and Offering of the Cup and Sharing in the Feast**

I invite all of you here in the sanctuary and those of you at home to take and receive now.  
The Body of Christ broken for you.  
The Blood of Christ shed for you.  
Amen.

**The Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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**\* Closing Hymn**

*“This Little Light of Mine”*

**UMH # 585**

1. This little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine,  
this little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Everywhere I go, I’m goin’-a let it shine,  
everywhere I go, I’m goin’-a let it shine;  
everywhere I go, I’m goin’-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. All through the night, I’m goin’-a let it shine,  
all through the light, I’m goin’-a let it shine;  
all through the night, I’m goin’-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

*“This Little Light of Mine”*



*Thank you for joining us in worship!*

## PRAYER LIST

Dave Baker, family of Donald Ray Bareford, Tri Blanks, Eddie Bliss, Alice Boyd, Priscilla Carter and husband, Brittany Clark, Olivia Egge, Brock & Tammy Fielder, Peyton & Mae Lynne Guest, Damar Hamlin, family of Vince Hardwick, Bill Hendricks, Josh Hodges, Sarah Hundley, Rev. Barb & Alan Jacobs, Paige Klemm, Tenley & Hailey and Robin & Bill Kuhnert, Vicky La Follette's cousin Teresa, Carolyn Lewis, Bill Loser, Kathleen MacDonald, Jacob McGuckin, Don & Mariam McMahan, the local Mennonite community, Amy Mahan, Ray Massie, Yvonne Minor, Janet Murphy, Monica Newsham, Nate Parker, Eleanor Rehm, Tina Shaver, Mary Lou Simpson, John & Debbie Snyder, Jackson Titmus, Brody Verlander, and Carolyn Williams. Inclusion & equality for the LGBTQ family & friends. All affected by critical weather and violence, everyone who struggles with drug addiction and alcoholism, those in peril, all missing persons, those who serve in the Armed Forces, students and educators, the people of Ukraine, Russia, and Europe during this time of war, everyone around the world as we fight the spread of COVID-19, and the UMC during the separation and as the church moves forward.

**MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS:** SSGT Jonathan Simpson.

### PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jim Climaldi, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer,  
Don and Carol Nicholas, Edna Parrish, Eleanor Rehm, and Jean Rhines.

*\* Please contact the office for the phone number or address for these members of our church family*

### SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

<b>Today:</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany &amp; Holy Communion</b>
		<b>Worship w/ Choir</b>
	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Sunday School: In-person only</b>
Monday:	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday:	10:30 am	Wednesday Morning Group
Thursday:	9 am - 3 pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved: Garden Club
<b>Saturday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>FFC Final Readiness Meeting</b>
Sunday, Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> :	8:45 am	RockFish Band Rehearsal
	10:00 am	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany
		Worship w/ Choir
	11:15 am	Sunday School: In-person only
		
<b>Saturday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10 am - 3 pm</b>	<b>Fishin' Fun Club Winter Edition</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>RockFish Band Rehearsal</b>
	<b>9 am – 11 am</b>	<b>Fishin' Fun Club Fall Edition</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship Service featuring: The FFC &amp; TMUMC's RockFish Band</b>
	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Sunday School: In-person only</b>

*All meetings are offered in-person and via Zoom unless stated otherwise.*

*We seek to be the Disciples of Christ, welcoming all as we nurture  
and support one another through service and outreach.*

*Our facility is handicap accessible.*

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