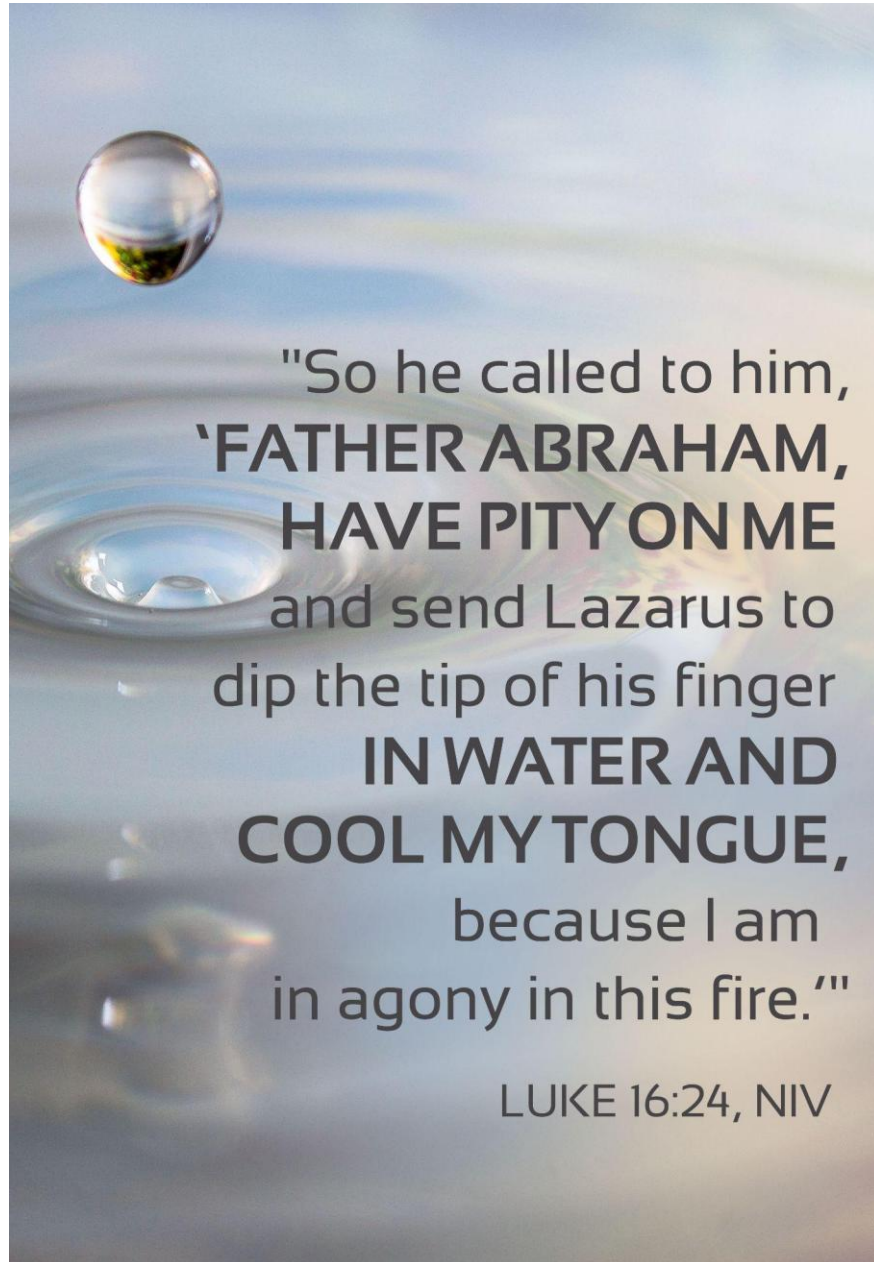


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LUKE 16:24, NIV

*"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."*

Tappahannock Memorial UMC

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

“Be Generous”

Jeremiah 32:1-3a; 6-15; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

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Prelude

“There Is A Balm In Gilead”

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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 worshiping 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, with your attendance information.

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

* Opening Hymn

“Are Ye Able”

UMH #530

1. “Are ye able,” said the Master, “to be crucified with me?”
“Yea,” the sturdy dreamers answered, “to the death we follow thee.”
Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.
2. Are ye able to remember, when a thief lifts up his eyes,
that his pardoned soul is worthy, of a place in paradise?
Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.
3. Are ye able when the shadows close around you with the sod,
to believe that spirit triumphs, to commend your soul to God?
Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.
4. Are ye able? Still the Master whispers down eternity,
and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee.
Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

*** Call To Worship**

God is our refuge and our fortress.

In God, we place our trust.

When we are weary,

God lifts us up on wings like eagles.

Come before the Lord with joy and longing.

God is our hope and our salvation.

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Generous Spirit, you call us to share our riches

with the poor and disadvantaged,

lest we follow self-interest

to our ruin and destruction.

Teach us to bestow your blessings

on those in need,

lest we be trapped by selfish desire.

Set our hearts on the riches of good works,

rather than the allure of earthly treasures.

Help us take hold of the life that really is life. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

Merciful God, in our quest for riches and success,

we often wander away from your ways

and pierce ourselves with many pains.

We yearn to be content with what we have,

for we brought nothing into this world

and take nothing from it when we leave.

We long to focus on things that endure:

righteousness, godliness, faith, love, and gentleness.

Help us fight the good fight,

that we might taste the sweetness of your salvation

and touch the glory of eternal life in your name.

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Anthem

“Simple Gifts”

Glory Ringers

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Children’s Time

Pastor Becca

Scripture

Jeremiah 32:1-3a; 6-15

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¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. ² At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³ where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

⁶ Jeremiah said, “The word of the LORD came to me: ⁷ Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.’ ”

⁸ Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. ⁹ And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰ I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. ¹¹ Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, ¹² and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³ In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴ “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵ For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.”

Scripture

1 Timothy 6:6-19

pg. 210

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the

manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*** Psalter**

Psalm 91

UMH #810

R: Grant us salvation, Lord; in trouble be our refuge.

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord,

**“My refuge and my fortress;
my God in whom I trust.”**

For the Lord will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence
and will cover you with his pinions;
**under the Lord’s wings you will find refuge.
God’s faithfulness is a shield and a buckler.**

R

You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
**nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

**You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your habitation,

**no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**

R

For God will give his angels charge over you
to guard you in all your ways.

**They will bear you up on their hands
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

**You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.**
Because they cleave to me in love, I will deliver them;
I will protect them, because they know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.
**I will satisfy them with long life
and show them my salvation.** R

*** The Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

**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.**

*** The Gospel**

Luke 16:19-31

pg. 79

¹⁹ *“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”*

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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

“Be Generous”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“On Eagle’s Wings”

see insert

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**We believe in the one God,
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**
**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**
**We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.**
**We believe in the Word of God
contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**
**We believe in the church,
those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.**
**We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.**
**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

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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, Russia, Israel and Palestine; natural disasters; gun violence; 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. I would once again ask that we pray for those who have chosen to keep their illnesses between themselves and God. While we respect their privacy, they still need our collective prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

**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 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, or download our mobile e-giving app identified on the last page of today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory

“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

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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.

*** Closing Hymn**

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

UMH #176

Majesty, worship his majesty;
unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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*** The Benediction**

*** Postlude**

“Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

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MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

SSGT Jonathan Simpson, MAJ. Matthew D. Parker, USMC

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Jean Edwards, Betty Gregory, Edna Parrish, and Barbara Watkins.

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

SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Today, September 28th:	10:00 AM	Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Wednesday, October 1st:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Friday, October 3rd:	9:00 AM	Cookie Baking
Sunday, October 5th:	10:00 AM	World Communion Sunday
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
	4:00 PM	Piano Under The Pavilion

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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