

***Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church***

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*“Go then,
even to Gentiles
God has granted
repentance that
leads to life.”*

Acts 11:18, NIV

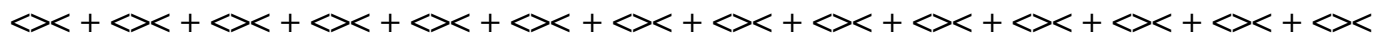
*“To all who mourn and need comfort,
to all who are tired and need rest,
to all who are lonely and need companionship,
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,
this church opens wide its doors.”*

Tappahannock Memorial UMC

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“No Distinction”

Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35



Prelude

“Thy Word”

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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, with your attendance information.

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

* Opening Hymn

“All Creatures Of Our God And King”

UMH #62

Verses 1-4

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain, by which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. O sister water, flowing clear, make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight,
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God’s glory also show!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Call To Worship

The One who loves without distinction calls us here.

They will know we are Christians by our love.

The One who loves us completely welcomes us home.

They will know we are Christians by our love.

The One who loves us well rejoices in our presence.

They will know we are Christians by our love.

*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Wipe away our tears, O God,
for we are weary of weeping
at the injustices of the world.

You love us like a mother
and protect us like a father.

You restore our lives
and claim us as your beloved children
in a world made new.

Dwell among us, we pray,
that we may love one another,
as you have loved us. Amen

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Prayer of Yearning

**Teach our hearts to love, O God,
as you would have us love.**

**Train our eyes to see, Holy One,
as you would have us see.**

**For we yearn to love without prejudice
and accept others without judgment.**

**Make your home among us,
for we long to be made one and whole. 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.

Children's Time

Pastor Becca

Scripture

Acts 11:1-18

pg. 127

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was

something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us.^c These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Scripture

Revelation 21:1-6

pg. 259

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Standing On The Promises"

Glory Ringers

*** Psalter**

Psalm 148

UMH #861

Response: Let all things their creator bless: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise the Lord, in the heights!

**Praise the Lord, all his angels,
praise the Lord, all his hosts!**

Praise the Lord, sun and moon,

praise the Lord, all shining stars!
**Praise the Lord, highest heavens,
and all waters above the heavens!** R

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded and they were created,
**who established them for ever and ever,
and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
sea monsters and all deeps,
**fire and hail, snow and smoke,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!** R

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
**Beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
**Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name alone is exalted,
whose glory is above earth and heaven.
**God has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful ones,
for the people of Israel who are near their God.
Praise the Lord!** 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.*

*** Gospel**

John 13:31-35

pg. 108

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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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

“No Distinction”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

UMH #560

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.
3. Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter’s healing art.
4. Lord, for today’s encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

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Affirmation of Faith

UMH #883

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God:

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God’s presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. 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

"On Eagles' Wings"

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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**

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

TFWS #2223

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;

yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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*** Benediction**

"Go Now In Peace"

UMH #665

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you,
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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*** Postlude**

"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Marie Ashley, the family of Frank Bertrum, Eddie Bliss, the family of Barbara Brooks, Faye Brooks, Nancy Brumfield, Davidson Burgess, the family of Sally Conway, Jean Edwards, the family of Janet Foley, the family of Ron Geiger, Bill Hendricks, Rick Humphries, Richard Ledbetter, Thomas Mundie, Jack Robertson, Cathy Short, Colin Smith, Jack Titmus, Chuck Wachsmuth, Barbara Watkins, and Ashley Wind. Inclusion and equality for the LGBTQ family and friends. All affected by critical weather and violence, everyone who struggles with drug addiction and alcoholism, all missing persons, those who serve in the Armed Forces, students and educators, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan during this time of war.

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

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

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Jean Edwards, 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, May 18th:	10:00 AM	Fifth Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday, May 20 th :	6:00 PM	Choir
Wednesday, May 21 st :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, May 25 th :	10:00 AM	Sixth Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Sunday School

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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