

*Tappahannock Memorial  
United Methodist Church*

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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.”*

# Tappahannock Memorial UMC

## Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 25, 2024

Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

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### Prelude

*“Majesty”*

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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](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

*“My Jesus I Love Thee”*

UMH #172

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
3. In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

### \* Call to Worship

God is our sun and our shield.

**God's glory shines upon us.**

God is our strength and our hope.

**God's faithfulness guides us.**

God is our hope and our salvation.

**God's love and mercy welcome us.**

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### \* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

God of grace and glory,  
pour out the power of your Holy Spirit  
on our worship and our gathering.  
Strengthen and protect us  
with your steadfast faithfulness.  
Feed us with the bread of life,  
and guide our steps with the wisdom of your word.  
In your holy name, we pray, Amen.

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### **Prayer of Yearning**

**Glorious God of spirit and life,  
we long to look upon your face and live.  
We yearn to shine with your glory,  
despite our tarnished lives.  
We seek to stand firm and faithful,  
even when the storms of life threaten us.  
Lift us up with your mercy,  
that we may perceive your loving grace.  
Light our paths with your wisdom  
and strengthen us with your powerful Spirit,  
that we may follow you faithfully  
all the days of our lives. 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**

#### **Scripture**

**Ephesians 6:10-20**

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*<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of*

peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* **Psalter**

**Psalm 84**

**UMH #804**

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O lord of hosts!

**My soul longs, indeed it faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.**

O Lord of hosts, my Ruler and my God,  
at your altars even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young.

**Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**As they go through the valley of tears,  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

They go from strength to strength;  
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O god of Jacob!**

**Behold our shield, O God;  
look upon the face of your anointed!**

For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield,  
And bestows favor and honor.

**No good thing does the Lord withhold  
from those who walk uprightly,**

**O Lord of hosts,  
Blessed are those who trust in you!**

*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 6:56-69**

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*<sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” <sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”*

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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**

**John Magruder**

**\* Hymn of Response**

**“Blessed Assurance”**

**UMH #369**

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long.
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long.

**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, 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](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**

*“Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”*

**Rob Wright, Guitar**

**\* 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**

*“Shout To The North”*

**W&S #3042**

1. Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious king.  
You are strong when you feel weak in your brokenness complete.  
Shout to the north and the south, sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.
2. Rise up women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts  
who can know the healing power of our awesome king of love.  
Shout to the north and the south, sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.
3. Rise up church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again  
of our God who reigns on high. By his grace again we'll fly.  
Shout to the north and the south, sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.  
We've been through fire, we've been through rain,  
we've been refined by the power of his name.  
We've fallen deeper in love with you.  
You've burned the truth on our lips.  
Shout to the north and the south, sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

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**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

*“Standing On The Promises”*

**Thank you for joining us in worship!**

## PRAYER LIST

Clark Anderson, Wright Andrews, Eddie Bliss, Bob Burke, Faye Brooks, the family of Angel Collins, Sally Conway, George Croxton, the family of Linda Fallin, Tinker Fornash, Roxanne Griffith, Bill Hendricks, Cindy Huber, Becky Hundley, Betty Gregory, Shirley Johnson, Carolyn Lewis, Ron Lucas, Jacob Magruder, The Mendoza Family, Tawana Murry, Colin Smith, Rev. John Tate, Nancy Tiller, Barbara Watkins, Betty Whitten. 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, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan during this time of war.

## MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

SSGT Jonathan Simpson

## PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jim Climaldi, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer,  
Carol Nicholas, Edna Parrish 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, August 25<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
Wednesday, August 28 <sup>th</sup> :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, September 1 <sup>st</sup> :	10:00 AM	Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
	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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