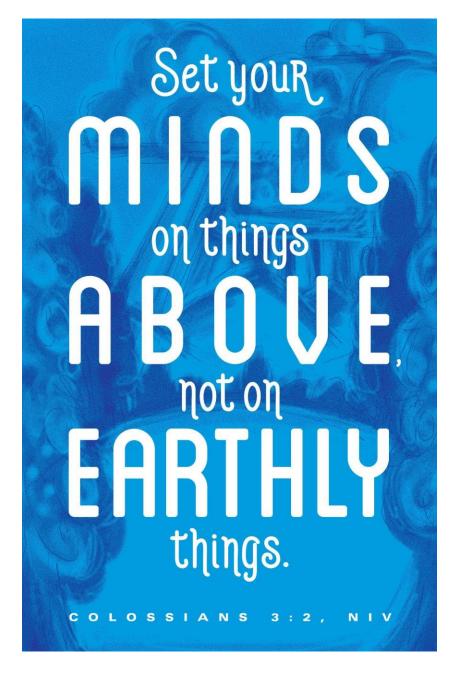
# Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church

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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**

# **Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

"Things Above"

Hosea 11:1-11; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

#### **Prelude**

#### "You Are My All In All"

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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

#### "Take My Life and Let It Be"

**UMH #399** 

- 1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
  - Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
  - Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
  - Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
- 2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
  - Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
  - Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
  - Take my intellect, and use every as thou shalt choose.
- 3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
  - Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
  - Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasurestore.
  - Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

#### \* Call To Worship

Give thanks to God.

for God's steadfast love lasts forever.

God accompanies us in our distress,

as we cross the threshold to worship's blessings.

Give thanks to our God,

for God's steadfast love abides with us.

Let us enter this space for worship,

#### celebrating God's works for humankind.

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### \* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

Spirit of hope and renewal,

as the dawn nudges us awake,

summon us with your presence.

Wrap us with the cloak of your wisdom and grace.

As your light breaks the horizon this day,

help us see the love revealed in your realm.

Nourish us with your wisdom

and guide us with your hope,

for we hunger to know you better. Amen.

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#### **Prayer of Yearning**

Loving God, Divine Guide,

may we not turn away from you as our desires take hold.

When we are drawn to the sparkle around us,

draw us back to the holy glow of your realm.

When we focus on the divisions that divide us,

lead us to share your steadfast love

with those we are separated from.

When we fixate on how to get ahead,

move us to share your bounty with our neighbors.

Draw us back to you, Holy Beacon of Hope

that we might all be made well. 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 Hosea 11:1-11 pg. 842

<sup>1</sup> When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. <sup>2</sup> The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols. <sup>3</sup> Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them. <sup>4</sup> I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. <sup>5</sup> They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king,

because they have refused to return to me. <sup>6</sup> The sword rages in their cities; it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes. <sup>7</sup> My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. <sup>8</sup> How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. <sup>9</sup> I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. <sup>10</sup> They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. <sup>11</sup> They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Scripture Colossians 3:1-11 pg. 201

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
Rebecca Minor & Kelly Wright

\* Psalter Psalm 107 UMH #830

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures for ever!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in the desert wastes, finding no way to a city in which to dwell;

hungry and thirsty,

their soul fainted within them.

Then in their trouble, they cried to the Lord,

who delivered them from their distress, and led them by a straight way, till they reached a city in which to dwell. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,

for his wonderful works to humankind.

For the Lord satisfies those who are thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things.

The Lord turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground,

a fruitful land into a salty waste. because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.

The Lord turns a desert into pulls of water, a parched land into springs of water.

The Lord lets the hungry dwell there. and they establish a city in which to live;

they sow fields, and plant vineyards, And get a fruitful yield.

They multiply greatly by the blessing of the Lord who does not let their cattle decrease.

When they are diminished and brought low Through oppression, trouble, and sorrow, the Lord pours contempt upon princes and all wickedness stops its mouth.

Whoever is wise, give heed to these things; consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

\* 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 12:13-21 pg. 74

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be? '21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward 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 "Things Above" Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

\* Hymn of Response

## "Something Beautiful"

**UMH #394** 

Something beautiful, something good; all my confusion he understood;

All I had to offer him

was brokenness and strife but he made something beautiful of my life.

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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, 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 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 <a href="https://www.tappahannockmethodist.org">www.tappahannockmethodist.org</a>, or download our mobile e-giving app identified on the last page of today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

#### The Offertory

#### "It Is Well With My Soul"

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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.

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

**UMH #9** 

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.

The Blood of Christ.

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

#### "Now Thank We All Our God"

**UMH #102** 

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;

- who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
- 3. All praise and thanks to God the father now be given; the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

#### \* The Benediction

## \* Postlude "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

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# Thank you for joining us in worship!

#### PRAYER LIST

Marie Ashley, Faye Brooks, Davidson Burgess, Jean Edwards, Bill Hendricks, Thomas Mundie, Jack Robertson, Jay Ruffa, Ruth Ann Simpson, Colin Smith, Regan Smith, Jack Titmus, 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, 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, August 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	10:00 AM	<b>Eighth Sunday After Pentecost</b>
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
	3:00 PM	<b>Back-to-School Event</b>
Wednesday, August 6th:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, August 10 <sup>th</sup> :	10:00 AM	Ninth 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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**Pastor's Office Hours:** Tue - Thu: 9 am - 2 pm