

***Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church***

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Those who
humble
themselves
will be
exalted.

Luke 18:14, 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

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

“Presence”

Joel 2:23-32; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

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Prelude

“Oceans”

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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

“Surely The Presence Of The Lord”

UMH #328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can feel the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face;

surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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* Call To Worship

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad.

God is our hope and our salvation.

The Lord blesses the earth with rain.

God crowns the year with bounty.

The Lord makes old men dream dreams.

God makes young girls see visions.

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad.

God is our hope and our salvation.

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* Opening Prayer

Giver of dreams and visions,

pour out your Spirit on our fellowship,

for we need your presence in our lives.

Show your portents in the heavens

and set your signs on the earth and seas.

Touch our spirits with the awe of your majesty,

that we may humbly dwell within your courts in peace and harmony. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

**Merciful God, prepare us for the marathon of life,
even as we seek the ease of a leisurely stroll.**

**May we never tire of fighting the good fight,
nor fall exhausted from running our race.**

May we never grow weary from keeping the faith.

**Speak your words of promise once more, O God,
for we need to find your quiet center
amid the noisy tumult of life.**

**Bless us with dreams and guide us with visions,
that we may faithfully endure life's trials
and receive your righteous crown. 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

"This Is The Day"

Glory Ringers

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Children's Time

Pastor Becca

Scripture

Joel 2:23-32

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²³ O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. ²⁴ The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵ I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army that I sent against you. ²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁸ Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. ²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit. ³⁰ I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. ³² Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Scripture**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18****pg. 213**

⁶ *As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.*

¹⁶ *At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!*

¹⁷ *But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*** Psalter****Psalm 65****UMH #789**

Response: Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.

Praise is due to you,

O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed.

To you who hear prayer

All flesh shall come because of their sins.

When our transgressions prevail over us,

you forgive them.

Blessed are those whom you choose and bring near,

to dwell in your courts!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,

your holy temple!

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By dread deeds you answer us with deliverance,

O God of our salvation,

who is the hope of all the ends of the earth,

and of the farthest seas;

who by your strength established the mountains,

being girded with might;

who stills the roaring of the seas,

the roaring of their waves,

the tumult of the peoples;

so that those who dwell at earth's farthest bounds

are afraid at your signs;

you make the morning and the

evening resound with joy.

R

You visit the earth and water it,

you greatly enrich it;

**the river of God is full of water;
you provide its grain,
for so you have prepared it.**

You water its furrows abundantly,
Settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

**You crown the year with your bounty;
the tracks of your chariot drip with fatness.**

The pastures of the wilderness drip,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
**the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.**

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*** 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 18:9-14

pg. 81

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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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

“Presence”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Through It All”

UMH #507

Through it all, through it all,
I’ve learned to trust in Jesus, I’ve learned to trust in God;
Through it all, through it all,
I’ve learned to depend upon God’s word.

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***Affirmation of Faith**

UMH # 884

**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

Pastor Becca

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. 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

"My Tribute"

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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**

"Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"

UMH #402

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
2. Lord, I want to be more living in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
3. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

*** The Benediction**

"Shalom To You"

UMH #666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*** Postlude**

"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Faye Brooks, Jean Edwards, Bruce George, Bill Hendricks, Kelly Lafollette, family of Mel Lockhart, Warren Minton, Thomas Mundie, Whitney Orlando, Nate Parker, Russ Riles, Jack Robertson, Jane Ruffa, Jay Ruffa, Susie Shiriak, Colin Smith, Lynn Smith, Regan Smith, Alison Sullivan, John & Barbara Tate, Nancy Tiller, Jack Titmus, Marianne Towler, Biddy Acree Walker, Barbara Watkins, Ellie Wawner, Betty Weaver, Ashley Wind, and the family of Devin Woodland. 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

LTC Matt Redmond

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, October 26th:	10:00 AM	Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Monday, October 27 th :	5:00-6:30 PM	Community Dinner
Wednesday, October 29 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
	7:00 PM	Charge Conference
Sunday, November 2 nd :	10:00 AM	All Saints Sunday
	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.

Pastor: The Reverend Rebecca L. Minor, Cell Phone: (757) 870-8265

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Pastor's Office Hours: Tue - Thu: 9 am – 2 pm