

***Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church***

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LUKE

Two words summarize
the heart of the Christian
response to God: Thank you.

*Join us this week in worship as
we learn about the man Jesus healed
who returned to say thank you!*

JESUS AND THE OUTSIDERS,
OUTCASTS, AND OUTLAWS

*“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.”*

4th Sunday in Lent

“On the Journey to Jerusalem”

March 19, 2023

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; Psalm 23 (UMH 137); Luke 9:51-53, 17:11-17

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Prelude

“Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley”

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Welcome, Announcements & Registration of Attendance

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

“Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands”

UMH # 273

1. Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.
2. Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

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* Call to Worship (Adapted from Luke 11:2-9)

We gather to praise and give thanks to God, glorifying God’s name.

We gather to look for the coming of God’s kingdom.

We gather to ask from God the bread we need for today.

**We gather in confidence and assurance that whoever seeks, finds,
and to everyone who knocks, the door is opened.**

We gather to ask and receive forgiveness for our wrongs
and to forgive those who have wronged us.

We gather to follow Jesus, who will lead us in the way that leads to life.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Light of all lights, be our vision this day. Open our eyes to behold your glory. Open our hearts to the warmth of your love. Open our minds to the flame of your truth. Open our souls to the glory of living as children of light, that others may see in our living the sacred mystery of your kingdom. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession

Lord God, as we search our hearts through this season of Lent, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from those in need. We have not lifted up the lowly. We have strayed from your will. We have failed to do the things you have called us to do. We have looked on others with judgment rather than compassion. Forgive us, we pray. Lift us out of our sin and fill our hearts with your goodness and love. See us as we are. Show us mercy and remember us today. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. 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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Children's Time

The Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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16*The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."* ²*Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me."* *And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'* ³*Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."* ⁴*Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?"* ⁵*He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice."* *And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.*

⁶*When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD."* ⁷*But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."* ⁸*Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."* ⁹*Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."* ¹⁰*Jesse made seven of*

his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Ephesians 5:8-14

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⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Here I Am to Worship”

Choir

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*** Psalter**

Psalm 23

UMH # 137

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

Thou prepares a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

*** The Gloria Patri**

***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**

Luke 9:51-53, 17:11-17

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9 ⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to

make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

17 ¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?”

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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

“On the Journey to Jerusalem”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“There is a Balm in Gilead ”

UMH # 375

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Some times I feel discouraged,
and think my work’s in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. **{R}**

2. Don't ever feel discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend,
and if you look for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. **{R}**

3. If you can't preach like Peter,
if you can't pray like Paul,
just tell the love of Jesus,
and say he died for all. **{R}**

“There is a Balm in Gilead.” United Methodist Hymnal, no. 375. Adapter and Arranger: William Farley Smith (1986). Adapt. and arr. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

*** Affirmation of Faith** (Adapted from Luke 1:46-55)

With all my heart I glorify the Lord!

In the depths of my soul I rejoice in God my savior.

God has looked with favor on those of low status.

The mighty one has done great things for us.

God shows mercy to everyone,

from one generation to the next.

God scatters those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations,

and welcomes sinners and outcasts.

God pulls the powerful down from their thrones

and lifts up the lowly.

God fills the hungry with good things

and sends the rich away empty-handed.

**There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent,
when those who are lost have been found.**

For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.

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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 and Russia; natural disasters; 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; those on the front lines, and the UMC during this time of separation and as the church moves forward.

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 Offering

Special Offering: UMCOR Sunday

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 app: Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory

“Lamb of God”

Choir

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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**

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH # 593

Refrain:

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

1. I the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? **{R}**

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? **{R}**

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them
Whom shall I send? **{R}**

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*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

“Here I Am to Worship”

Rob Wright, Guitar

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Thank you for joining us in worship!



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PRAYER LIST

Tri Blanks, Eddie Bliss, Alice Boyd, Priscilla Carter and husband, Brittany Clark, Olivia Egge, Brock & Tammy Fielder, Peyton & Mae Lynne Guest, Bill Hendricks, Josh Hodges, the family of Tom Holmes, Sarah Hundley, Rev. Barb & Alan Jacobs, Paige Klemm, Tenley & Hailey and Robin & Bill Kuhnert, Vicky La Follette's cousin Teresa, Carolyn Lewis, Bill Loser, Kathleen MacDonald, Jacob McGuckin, Ray Massie, Yvonne Minor, Chris Mooney, Janet Murphy, Monica Newsham, Nate Parker, Joanne Ruffa, Tina Shaver, Mary Lou Simpson, John & Debbie Snyder, Tonya & Jeff Stout, Jackson Titmus, Brody Verlander, Faye Vlahovich, Eric Whitten, and Robin (Whitten) Patton. 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, and Europe during this time of war, everyone around the world as we fight the spread of COVID-19, and the UMC during the separation and as the church moves forward.

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS: SSGT Jonathan Simpson.

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jim Climaldi, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer,
Don and Carol Nicholas, Edna Parrish, Eleanor Rehm, and Jean Rhines.

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

SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Today:	10:00 am	4th Sunday in Lent Worship w/Choir Special Offering: UMCOR Sunday This Week's Lenten Sermon Series Title: "On the Journey to Jerusalem"
	11:15 am	Sunday School: In-person only
Monday:		First Day of Spring!
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday:		Deadline for Submitting April Newsletter Info & Schedules
Wednesday:	10:30 am	Wednesday Morning Group
Thursday:	8:30 am - 4 pm	VCU On-Site Mobile Health & Wellness
Sunday, March 26 th :	Last Day to Order Easter Lilies & Tulips	
	8:45 am	Glory Ringers Rehearsal
	10:00 am	5th Sunday in Lent Worship w/Glory Ringers This Week's Lenten Sermon Series Title: "The Final Week"
	11:15 am	Sunday School: In-person only

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: 9am - 2pm

Admin Hours: Working Offsite/Flexible Hours