

*Tappahannock Memorial  
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# LUKE

The Gospel of Luke shows us  
Jesus's concern for the lowly,  
the outcasts, the outsiders.

*Join us in worship this week  
as we begin a sermon series on Luke.*

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.”*

# 1st Sunday in Lent

## “Lifting Up the Lowly”

February 26, 2023

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Psalm 32 (UMH 766); Luke 1:5-38

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### Prelude

### “Because He Lives”

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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](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

### “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” UMH # 66, v. 1-3

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to the throne thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor  
to all people in distress;  
praise God, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious now God's faithfulness.
3. Father-like, God tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame God knows;  
mother-like, God gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely yet God's mercy flows.

### \* Call to Worship

Bless the Lord God of Israel,

**Who remembers the covenant with our ancestors and brings salvation from our enemies.**

Because of our God's deep compassion, the dawn from heaven will break upon us,

**To give light to those who are sitting in darkness, to guide us on the path of peace.**

Bless the Lord who lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things,

**Who calls all people and seeks the outsiders, outcasts, and outlaws.**

**Bless the Lord God of Israel.**

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## \* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Righteous God, we need your presence in our lives if we are to resist temptation. Send your angels to minister to us when the tempter comes to call. Put not our hearts to the test, but shelter us in your protective love. For you are our God and we are your people. 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

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

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<sup>15</sup>*The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.*

<sup>16</sup>*And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."*

<sup>3</sup>*Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'"<sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

<sup>6</sup>*So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave*

some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**Romans 5:12-19**

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<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— <sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

**“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”**

**Glory Ringers**

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**\* Psalter**

**Psalm 32**

**UMH # 766**

<sup>1</sup>Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup>**Blessed are those whom the Lord does not hold guilty, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup>When I did not declare my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord”; then you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

<sup>6</sup>Therefore let all those who are godly offer prayer to you;

**at a time of distress, the rush of great waters shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me, you preserve me from trouble; you encompass me with deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like an unruly horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle.

<sup>10</sup>**Many are the pangs of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous;

**shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

**\* 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 1:5-38**

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*<sup>5</sup>In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup>Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. <sup>7</sup>But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. <sup>8</sup>Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, <sup>9</sup>he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. <sup>10</sup>Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. <sup>11</sup>Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup>When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. <sup>13</sup>But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. <sup>14</sup>You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup>for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>16</sup>He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup>With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” <sup>18</sup>Zechariah said to the angel, “How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.” <sup>19</sup>The angel replied, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. <sup>20</sup>But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.” <sup>21</sup>Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. <sup>22</sup>When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. <sup>23</sup>When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. <sup>24</sup>After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, <sup>25</sup>“This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.”*

*<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was*

said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

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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**

**“Lifting Up the Lowly”**

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

**\* Hymn of Response**

**“My Soul Gives Glory to My God”**

**UMH # 198**

1. My soul gives glory to my God,  
my heart pours out its praise.  
God lifted up my lowliness  
in many marvelous ways.

2. My God has done great things for me:  
yes, holy is this name.  
All people will declare me blessed,  
and blessings they shall claim.

3. From age to age to all who fear,  
such mercy love imparts,  
dispensing justice far and near,  
dismissing selfish hearts.

4. Love casts the mighty from their thrones,  
promotes the insecure,  
leaves hungry spirits satisfied;  
the rich seem suddenly poor.

5. Praise God, whose loving covenant  
supports those in distress,  
remembering past promises  
with present faithfulness.

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**\* 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; as well as for those on the front lines. Please let us know of other prayer concerns and needs.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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**

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

**The Offertory**

***“Lift High the Cross”***

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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 Lift Your Name on High”***

**FWS # 2088**

Lord, I lift your name on high;	You came from heaven to earth
Lord, I love to sing your praises.	to show the way,
I'm so glad you're in my life;	from the earth to the cross
I'm so glad you came to save us.	my debt to pay;
	from the cross to the grave,
	from the grave to the sky;
	Lord, I lift your name on high.

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**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

***“Blessed Assurance”***

*Thank you for joining us in worship!*



**PRAYER LIST**

Dave Baker, Tri Blanks, Eddie Bliss, Alice Boyd, Priscilla Carter and husband, Brittany Clark, Olivia Egge, Brock & Tammy Fielder, Peyton & Mae Lynne Guest, Damar Hamlin, family of Vince Hardwick, Bill Hendricks, Josh Hodges, 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, Don & Mariam McMahan, Amy Mahan, Ray Massie, Yvonne Minor, Chris Mooney, Janet Murphy, Monica Newsham, Nate Parker, Eleanor Rehm, Tina Shaver, Mary Lou Simpson, John & Debbie Snyder, Tonya & Jeff Stout, Jackson Titmus, Brody Verlander, Faye Vlahovich, Eric Whitten, Robin (Whitten) Patton, and Carolyn Williams. 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**

<b>Today:</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>Glory Ringers Rehearsal</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Worship w/ Glory Ringers</b>
		<b>New Lenten Sermon Series:</b>
		<b>“Jesus: As Known in Luke”</b>
	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Sunday School: In-person only</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	10:00 am	District Superintendency Mtg @ TMUMC
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday:</b>	10:30 am	Wednesday Morning Group
<b>Thursday:</b>	8:30 am - 4 pm	Fellowship Hall & Parking Lot RSVD: VCU On-Site Mobile Health & Wellness
<b>Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>:</b>	8:45 am	Glory Ringers Rehearsal
	10:00 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Worship w/ Glory Ringers
	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.***

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