

*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

“Lost and Found”

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

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Prelude

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

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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

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

UMH #381

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
4. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

* Call To Worship

“There is no God!” people say.

“I can do what I like!” everyone thinks.

“Who cares about God?” questioners ask.

**“I’m here for me; I don’t answer to anyone!”
the foolish think.**

God looks for faith.

Will God find it?

God looks for care of the poor.

Will we provide it?

God looks for love.

Will God find it in us?

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*** Opening Prayer**

God of wind and fire,

blow through our lives.

Release us from all that binds us,

and free us from thoughts the fears

that keep us from union with you

and with one another.

Lay waste to the burdens that impede us,

and wash away the debris that weighs us down.

As we strive to follow your path,

guide us onto the road of the righteous.

Make us of a refuge to the poor,

a deliverer to the captives,

and a friend to those who dwell alone.

In hope of your mercy, we pray. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

God of heaven and earth, be with us in our need.

Though we often go astray,

we seek your love and mercy.

Though we often listen to fools who say,

“There is no God,”

our hearts belong to you.

Be our Shepherd and guide our ways,

for we are lost and afraid

and weary of wandering.

We long to be welcomed home

in your gracious mercy. 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

“God Is So Good”

Choir

Children’s Time

Pastor Becca

Scripture

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

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¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, ¹² a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

²² “For my people are foolish; they do not know me; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil but do not know how to do good.” ²³ I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos, and to the heavens, and they had no light. ²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. ²⁵ I looked, and there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. ²⁶ I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. ²⁷ For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation, yet I will not make a full end.

²⁸ Because of this the earth shall mourn and the heavens above grow black, for I have spoken; I have purposed; I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

Scripture

1 Timothy 1:12-17

pg. 208

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*** Psalter**

Psalm 14

UMH #746

R: My hope is lost; breathe life upon me.

Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”

**They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds,
there is none that does good.**

The Lord looks down from heaven on all people,
to see if there are any that are wise,

who seek after God.

**They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;
there is none that does good,
no, not one.**

R

Have they no knowledge, the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not call upon the Lord?

**There they shall be in great terror,
for God is with the generation of the righteous.**

You would confound the plans of the poor,
but the Lord is their refuge.

**O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
When the Lord restores their fortunes,
Jacob shall rejoice and Israel shall be glad!**

R

*** 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 15:1-10

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¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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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

"Lost and Found"

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

"Depth Of Mercy"

UMH #355

1. Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me?

Can my God his wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners, spare?

2. I have long withstood his grace, long provoked him to his face,
would not hearken to his calls, grieved him by a thousand falls.
3. I my Master have denied, I afresh have crucified,
oft profaned his hallowed name, put him to an open shame.
4. There for me the Savior stands, shows his wounds and spreads his hands.
God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps, believe, and sin no more.
5. Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament,
now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more.

*** Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

UMH #880

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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, or download our mobile e-giving app identified on the last page of today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory

"Love Lifted Me"

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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**

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

TFWS #2151

1. I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,

singing glory hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

2. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.
3. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
when I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
when I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

*** The Benediction**

“God Be With You Til We Meet Again”

UMH #672

God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

*** Postlude**

“God Is So Good”

Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Marie Ashley, Faye Brooks, Davidson Burgess, Jean Edwards, John Harvey, Bill Hendricks, Russ Koesterich, Kelly Lafollette, Warren Minton, Thomas Mundie, Whitney Orlando, Nate Parker, the family of Jonathan Paulette, Eva, Jack Robertson, Jane Ruffa, Jay Ruffa, Ruth Ann Simpson, Colin Smith, Regan Smith, Alison Sullivan, Barbara Tate, Nancy Tiller, Jack Titmus, Barbara Watkins, Ellie Wawner, Betty Weaver, 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, September 14th:	10:00 AM	Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Wednesday, September 17 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Sunday, September 21 st :	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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