

*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

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### “The Tree Of Life”

Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

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#### Prelude

#### “Turn Your Eyes Upon 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 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](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

#### “Shall We Gather At The River”

UMH #723

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

#### \* Call To Worship

In a world filled with violence and war,

**we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.**

In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

**we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.**

In a world filled with hunger and greed,

**we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.**

Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

**the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.**

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**\* Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Creator God, Your Eden flowed with mountain-fed rivers into lush valleys with orchards of pomegranates, grapes, and honeybees. The rain fell at the right time in the right amount. Even just a few decades ago, summertime was the season of shared community celebrations, weddings, parades, picnics, and growing crops. This is not the Earth that Eden would recognize. Creator God, forgive us for our carelessness. Comfort those who suffer. We repent of this destructive path. Turn the hearts of those who would continue to do harm to this planet. Let us believe as you have taught us, that all things can be made new. Amen.**

*Prayer of Confession written by Rev. Richenda Fairhurst, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement. Used with permission.*

**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**

**Jim Glass**

**Anthem**

**"This Is The Day"**

**Glory Ringers**

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**Scripture**

**Psalm 67**

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*<sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah <sup>2</sup>that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah, <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. <sup>7</sup>May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.*

**Scripture**

**Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

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<sup>10</sup> And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

<sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* 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.*

**\* Gospel**

**John 14:23-29**

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<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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**Prayer before the Sermon**

**The Sermon**

**“The Tree of Life”**

**Jim Glass, Lay Servant**

**\* Hymn of Response**

**“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”**

**UMH #540**

1. I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,

the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

2. I love thy church, O God! Her walls before thee stand  
dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.
3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend,  
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
4. Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
5. Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given  
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

### **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.

### **Congregational Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**UMH #895**

**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 e-giving app identified on the last page of today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

### **The Offertory**

#### ***"How I Love Jesus"***

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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**

#### ***"Go To The World"***

**W&S #3158**

1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ's renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.
2. Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.
3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you 'til the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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### **\* Benediction**

We are surrounded by the presence of the Holy.  
We are held in the love of the Creator.  
We are filled with the inspiration of the Spirit.  
We are called by the life and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.  
May we go from this place to live lives that hold this world in care and compassion, dreaming a

New Creation as God's beloveds.

Go in peace. Amen.

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***“Go Now In Peace”***

**UMH #665**

Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
may the love of God surround you,  
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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**\* Postlude**

***“Battle Hymn Of The Republic”***

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**Thank you for joining us in worship!**

## PRAYER LIST

Marie Ashley, the family of Frank Bertrum, Eddie Bliss, the family of Barbara Brooks, Faye Brooks, Nancy Brumfield, Davidson Burgess, the family of Cason Chilton, the family of Sally Conway, Jean Edwards, the family of Janet Foley, the family of Ron Geiger, Bonnie Harding, Jeannie Harvey, Bill Hendricks, Rick Humphries, Richard Ledbetter, Thomas Mundie, Jack Robertson, Cathy Short, Colin Smith, Jack Titmus, Chuck Wachsmuth, 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

<b>Today, May 25<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
Wednesday, May 28 <sup>th</sup> :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, June 1 <sup>st</sup> :	10:00 AM	Ascension 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.*

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