

***Tappahannock Memorial  
United Methodist Church***

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“Here is the  
Lamb of God who  
takes away the  
sin of the world!”

John 1:29, NRSV

*“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.”*

# 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

## “What Are You Looking For?”

January 15, 2023

Isaiah 49: 1-7; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; Psalm 40: 1-11 (UMH 774); John 1: 29-42

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### Prelude

### “Shout to the Lord”

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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 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

### “Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

UMH # 662, v. 1, 4, 5

1. Stand up and bless the Lord,  
ye people of his choice;  
stand up and bless the Lord your God  
with heart and soul and voice.
4. God is our strength and song,  
and his salvation ours;  
then be his love in Christ proclaimed  
with all our ransomed powers.
5. Stand up and bless the Lord;  
the Lord your God adore;  
stand up and bless his glorious name,  
henceforth forevermore.

### \* Call to Worship

Called to be light,  
**we come this day to shine.**  
Called to follow Christ,  
**we come this day to serve.**  
Called to love God,  
**we come to worship and praise.**

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### \* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Light of the world, shine through our worship, that we might see you more clearly and know you more intimately. Reveal your presence and make your voice heard, that we may grow in love and shine with the light of your love for all to see. Amen.

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### Prayer of Yearning

**Great and mighty God, show us how wondrously and mysteriously you have created us. We yearn to shine as brightly for you, as you shine for us. We long to see ourselves as the amazing creations you intend us to be. Inspire us with your mercy and your grace, that we might know how deeply enriched we are in your love. For you have given us the spiritual gifts we need to answer your call and live into our purpose.**

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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

**Isaiah 49: 1-7**

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***49** Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."*

*<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."*

**1 Corinthians 1: 1-9**

**pp. 165-166**

***1** Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every*

kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

***“We Are Marching (“Siyahamba”)*”**

**Choir**

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**\* Psalter**

**Psalm 40: 1-11**

**UMH # 774**

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the Lord;  
who inclined to me and heard my cry.

**<sup>2</sup>The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**

<sup>3</sup>The Lord put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and be in awe,  
and put their trust in the Lord.**

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who make  
the Lord their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.

**<sup>5</sup> O Lord my God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds  
and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you!**

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be numbered.

**<sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;  
but you have given me an open ear.**

Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.

**<sup>7</sup>Then I said, “Lo, I come;  
in the roll of the book it is written of me;  
<sup>8</sup>I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart.”**

<sup>9</sup>I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;

**lo, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O Lord.**

<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,  
I have spoken of your faithfulness  
and your salvation;

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and faithfulness**

**from the great congregation.**

<sup>11</sup> O Lord , do not withhold  
your mercy from me;  
**let your steadfast love and faithfulness  
ever preserve me!**

**\* 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**

**John 1: 29-42**

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<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.” <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” <sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

<sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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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**

**“What Are You Looking For?”**

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

**\* Hymn of Response**

**“Would I Have Answered When You Called”**

**FWS # 2137**

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| <p><b>1.</b> Would I have answered when you called,<br/>“Come, follow, follow me!”?<br/>Would I at once have left behind<br/>both work and family?<br/>Or would the old, familiar round<br/>have held me by its claim<br/>and kept the spark within my heart<br/>from bursting into flame?</p> | <p><b>2.</b> Would I have followed where you led<br/>through ancient Galilee,<br/>on roads unknown, by ways untried,<br/>beyond security?<br/>Or would I soon have hurried<br/>Where home and comfort drew,<br/>Where truth you taught would not disturb<br/>The ordered world I knew?</p> |
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3. Would I have matched my step with yours  
when crowds cried, “Crucify!”  
when on a rocky hill I saw  
a cross against the sky?  
Or would I too have slipped away  
and left you there alone,  
a dying king with crown of thorns  
upon a terrible throne?
4. O Christ, I cannot search my heart  
Through all the tangled ways,  
nor can I with a certain mind  
my steadfastness appraise.  
I only pray that when you call,  
“Come, follow, follow me!”  
you’ll give me strength beyond my own  
to follow faithfully.

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**\* Affirmation of Faith**

**UMH # 883**

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God:**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God’s presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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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**

*Special Offerings: UM Human Services &  
Safety & Security System*

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**

*“What a Friend We Have in 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**

*“I Love to Tell the Story”*

**UMH # 156**

**Refrain:**

I love to tell the story,  
'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

1. I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else can do. **{R}**

3. I love to tell the story;  
'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy Word.

2. I love to tell the story;  
more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden fancies  
of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story,  
it did so much for me;  
and that is just the reason  
I tell it now to thee.

4. I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story  
that I have loved so long.

**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

*“Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”*

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*Thank you for joining us in worship!*

**PRAYER LIST**

The family of Rev. Larry Adams, Dave Baker, Tri Blanks, Eddie Bliss, Alice Boyd, Priscilla Carter and husband, Brittany Clark, family of Harrison Coble, family of Holly Ditch, Olivia Egge, Brock & Tammy Fielder, Peyton & Mae Lynne Guest, Damar Hamlin, Ronnie Harvey, 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, Kathleen MacDonald, Jacob McGuckin, Don & Mariam McMahon, the local Mennonite community, Amy Mahan, Ray Massie, Janet Murphy, Monica Newsham, Nate Parker, Eleanor Rehm, Terri & Shawn Schurer, Mary Lou Simpson, John & Debbie Snyder, Jackson Titmus, and Brody Verlander. 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 any of these members of our church family*

**SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

<b>Today:</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany Worship w/ Choir</b>
	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Sunday School: In-person only</b>
Monday:	No Choir Rehearsal	
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Jan 18 – Wednesday, Jan 25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</b>		
Wednesday	10:30 am	Wednesday Morning Group/Lunch
Sunday, Jan 22:	8:45 am	Glory Ringers Rehearsal
	10:00 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany Worship w/ Glory Ringers
	11:15 am	Sunday School: In-person only
Monday, Jan 22:	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal

*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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