

***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 & Tappahannock Presbyterian Church

World Communion Sunday

“Suffering & Faith”

Lamentations 1:1-6; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10



Prelude

“Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross”

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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

“I Come With Joy”

UMH #617

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his
life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ’s communion bread, in Christ’s communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known;
we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound, we’ll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we’ll live and speak his praise, we’ll live and speak his praise.

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* Call To Worship

Pastor Becca

Come, all who sit by rivers of sorrow,
who have hung up their hope and wondered if God still sings.

**We come carrying exile in our bones, dislocation in our hearts,
and longing in our prayers.**

This is the table where memory is honored, where story is sacred,

where strangers become siblings.

**We come to taste and see that the Lord is good, to feast on grace,
to believe again in belonging.**

Around the world, across languages and landscapes, a holy table is set.

**We come not because we are worthy, but because Christ calls us in love.
Come, let us worship the One who welcomes, the One who remembers, the One who
feeds the whole world with hope.**

*** Opening Prayer**

Pastor Shannon

Holy and Triune God,
your table transcends time and space.
As your disciples on World Communion Sunday,
we join our voices to the songs and prayers
offered to your name throughout the world.
Increase our faith and give us grace
to love and forgive one another,
as you have loved and forgiven us.
We remember all your beloved children
who suffer this day—
especially the victims and refugees of war.
We hear the echo of their broken lives
in the songs of lament in today's scriptures.
Help us bear witness to their suffering without fear.
Give us the courage to live in love with you,
in you, and for you.
For the sake of all your beloved children, we pray.
Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

Pastor Becca

**Holy God, we need the witness of Timothy and the disciples,
because we know what it is like—
to be short on faith,
(silent reflection)
to be afraid of failure,
(silent reflection)
and to avoid suffering.
(silent reflection)
Holy God, we yearn for the encouragement of Paul and Jesus,
because you still do mighty works
through our tiny windows of faith.
(silent reflection)
Your holy call on our lives depends on your grace, not our success.
(silent reflection)
And your Holy Spirit gives us power to endure the suffering of our failures.
(silent reflection)**

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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

"A Place At The Table"

Choir

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Children's Time

Pastor Shannon

Scripture

Lamentations 1:1-6 *(read by Janice Canby)*

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¹ How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become subject to forced labor. ² She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers, she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies. ³ Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations; she finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. ⁴ The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate; her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. ⁵ Her foes have become the masters; her enemies prosper because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. ⁶ From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

Scripture

2 Timothy 1:1-14 *(read by Rachel Hundley)*

pg. 211

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle

and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.
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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*** Psalter**

Psalm 137 (Led by Pastor Becca)

UMH #852

R: Now, O Lord, for what do I wait? For my hope is in you alone.

By the rivers of Babylon,
 there we sat down and wept,
 when we remembered Zion.
On the willows there
 we hung up our lyres.
For there our captors
 required of us songs,
and our tormentors, mirth, saying,
 “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”
How shall we sing the Lord’s song
 in a foreign land?
If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
 let my right hand wither!
Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
 if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem
 above my highest joy!
O Lord, remember against the Edomites
 the day of Jerusalem,
how they said, “Raze it, raze it!
 Down to its foundations!”
O daughter of Babylon, you devastator!
 Happy shall they be who repay you
 with what you have done to us!
Happy shall they be who take your little ones
 and dash them against the rock!

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 17:5-10

pg. 80

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a

mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

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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

"Suffering And Faith"

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

"Let Us Break Bread Together" (Verses 1-3)

UMH #618

1. Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees,
let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Introduction to the Nicene Creed

Pastor Shannon

*** 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

Pastor Becca

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 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

“Brother James’ Air”

Kathy Hughes, piano

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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.

*** A Service of Word and Table**

UMH #15

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one

with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN.

And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 Breaking of the Bread and Offering of the Cup and Sharing in the Feast

I invite all of you here in the sanctuary and those of you at home to take and receive now.

The Body of Christ.

The Blood of Christ.

Amen.

The Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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*** Closing Hymn**

"We Are Marching/Siyahamba"

TFWS #2235-b

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching, marching
we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.

Siyahamb'e kukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamb'e kukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb'e kukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb'e kukhanyen' kwen-
khanyen' kwen khos'.
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba,
siyahamb'e kukhanyen' kwenkhos.

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*** 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.

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**

“Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Faye Brooks, Jean Edwards, Bruce George, Bill Hendricks, Kelly Lafollette, family of Mel Lockhart, Warren Minton, Thomas Mundie, Whitney Orlando, Nate Parker, Jack Robertson, Jane Ruffa, Jay Ruffa, Colin Smith, Regan Smith, Alison Sullivan, John & 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, LTC Matt Redmond

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, October 5 th :	10:00 AM	World Communion Sunday
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
	4:00 PM	Piano Under The Pavillion
Monday, October 6 th :	6:00 PM	Leadership Board
Wednesday, October 8 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Sunday, October 12 th :	10:00 AM	Eighteenth 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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