

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.”*

*** Opening Prayer**

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

Christ of both celebration and sorrow,
 be with us in our time of worship today
 and in the week ahead.
Help us embrace the fullness of your story,
 both the triumph and the tragedy.
Strengthen us to proclaim blessing and hope,
 no matter the circumstances,
 that we may be children of your promise,
 both now and forevermore. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

**Faithful One, we want to be as faithful to you
as you are to us.**
**Help us sing your praises joyously and proudly,
even when the jeering crowds frighten us.**
**Walk with us in moments of celebration
and times of trouble.**
**Guide our steps, save our lives,
and help us bring your message of love to the world.**
Hosanna, O faithful One; hosanna in the highest. 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

“Shout To The North”

Rockfish Band

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Children's Time

Pastor Becca

Scripture

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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⁴ The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord GOD has

opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷ The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Scripture

Philippians 2:5-11

pg. 197

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*** Psalter**

Psalms 118

UMH #839

The Lord is my strength and my power;
the Lord has become my salvation.

**There are joyous songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,
the right hand of the Lord is exalted,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**The Lord has chastened me sorely,
but has not given me over to death.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the cornerstone.**

This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day which the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

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

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God,

who has given us light.

**Lead the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar!**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;
for God's steadfast love endures for ever!**

*** 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**

John 19:38-42

pg. 114

³⁸ After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and removed his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰ They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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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

“Unlikely Allies”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Open The Eyes Of My Heart Lord”

W&S #3008

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you, I want to see you.
To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love as we sing.

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see you.

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*** Affirmation of Faith**

World Methodist Social Affirmation

UMH #886

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us,
who died and rose again;
and in the Holy Spirit,
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe;

God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's Kingdom;
in the upholding of human dignity and community;
in every expression of love, justice and reconciliation;
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
in the abundance of God's gifts
entrusted to us that all may have enough;
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

**Glory be to God on high;
and on earth, peace .**

We confess our sin, individual and collective,
by silence or action:
through the violation of human dignity
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;
through the exploitation of people
because of greed and indifference
through the misuse of power
in personal, communal, national, and international life;
through the search for security
by those military and economic forces
that threaten human existence;
through the abuse of technology
which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy .

We commit ourselves individually and as a community
to the way of Christ:
to take up the cross;
to seek abundant life for all humanity;
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,

praying that God's kingdom may come.

Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

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, 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

"Amazing Grace"

David Brakebill & Lauren Ficklin- Saxophone; Rob Wright- Bass; Beth Harvery- Piano

*** 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**

"Old Rugged Cross"

UMH #504

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.
3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.
4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

*** The Benediction**

“Shalom To You”

UMH #666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*** Postlude**

“All Glory Laud and Honor”

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PRAYER LIST

Faye Brooks, Frauke Darnell, Jean Edwards, Bruce George, Beth Harvey, the family of Bill Hendricks, Cindy Huber, George Carol Hundley, Sally Kone, Kelly Lafollette, Warren Minton, Thomas Mundie, Whitney Orlando, the family of Edna Parrish, Russ Riles, Jack Robertson, Jane Ruffa, Jay Ruffa, Colin Smith, Regan Smith, Rick Stott, Beverly Taylor, Thomas Tignor, Nancy Tiller, Bidy Acree Walker, Barbara Watkins, Ellie Wawner, Jim Wawner, Betty Whitten. Missionaries overseas. 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

PFC Tri Blanks

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Jean Edwards, Betty Gregory, 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, March 29th:	10:00 AM	Palm Sunday
	11:15 AM	Fifth Sunday Potluck Lunch
Tuesday, March 31 st :	10:00 AM	Church Activity Group
Wednesday, April 1 st :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
	6:30 PM	Choir
Thursday, April 2 nd :	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 3 rd :	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service
Sunday, April 5 th :	10:00 AM	Easter Sunday
	11:15 AM	Easter Egg Hunt

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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