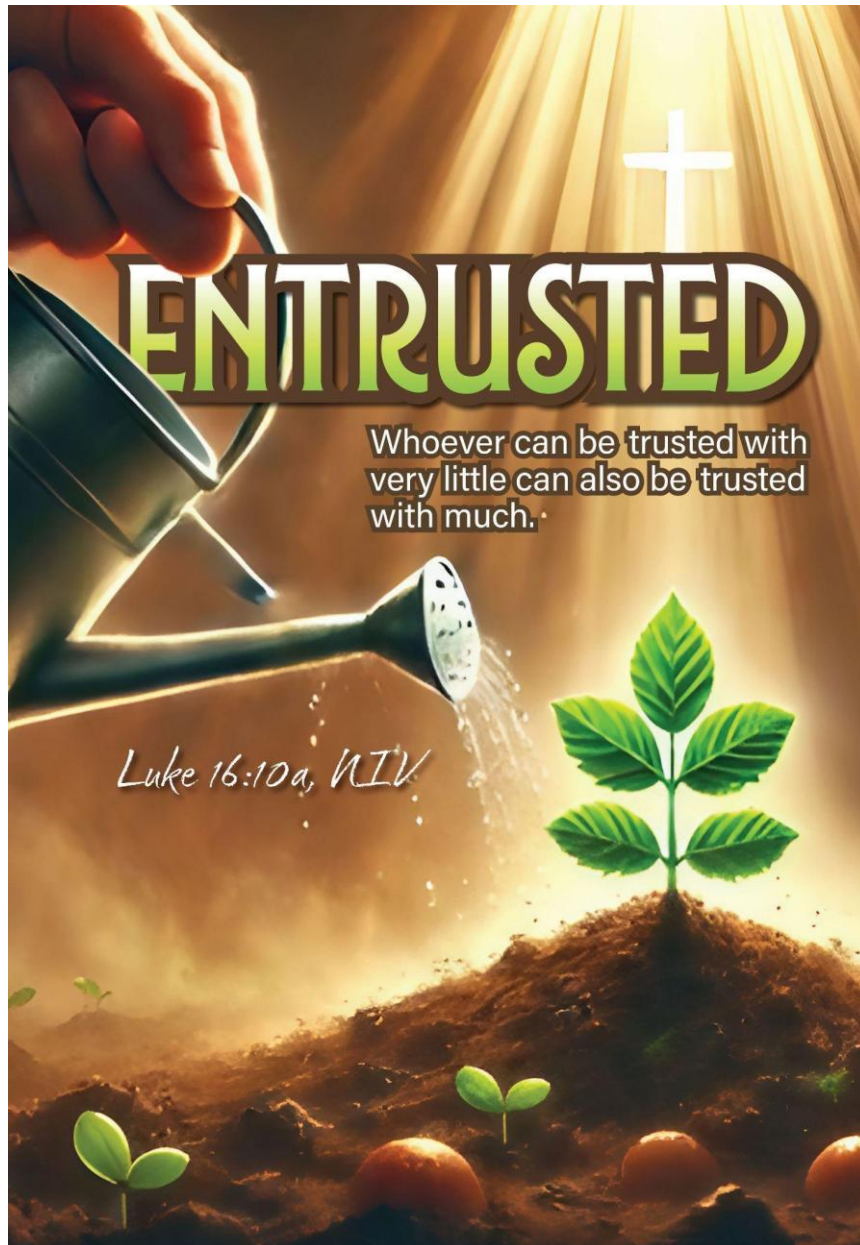


Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church

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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

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

“Proper Management”

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

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Prelude

“I Have Decided To Follow 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, with your attendance information.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

* Opening Hymn

“To God Be The Glory”

UMH #98

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!
2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder,
our transport, when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

*** Call To Worship**

Search for the Lord each day.

God waits where we least expect it.

Search for the balm in Gilead.

God brings healers in our need.

Cry out to the Lord in times of distress.

God comes speedily to meet us.

Come! Worship the One who hears our pleas.

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*** Opening Prayer**

Great Healer, be our balm of Gilead,
for we ache to be made whole.

Come to us in times of trial
and heal our sin-sick souls.

Amid those who prey on your little ones,
help us live faithfully as children of light.

May we be found faithful in a little,
that you may entrust us with much. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

Why do you stay silent when scoffers say,

“Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?”

Your people need you, Merciful One.

We need you.

**Our souls are wellsprings of sorrow
and we have shed rivers of tears.**

**Revive our souls, God of our salvation,
for in you alone do we renew our strength.**

**Come speedily to us once more
and reveal your glory to us,
that we find where our true help lies. 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.

Children’s Time

Pastor Becca

Scripture

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

pg. 709

¹⁸ My joy is gone; grief is upon me; my heart is sick. ¹⁹ Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people from far and wide in the land: “Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?” (“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”) ²⁰ “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” ²¹ For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am broken, I mourn, and horror has seized me. ²² Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of the daughter of my people not been restored?

¹ O that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Scripture

1 Timothy 2:1-7

pg. 208

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all— this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* Psalter

Psalm 4

UMH #741

R: There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole.

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You have given me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, O people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the righteous as God’s own;

the Lord hears when I call.

R

Be angry, but do not sin;

commune with your own hearts in your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices,

and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, “O that we might see some good!

Lift up your countenance upon us, O Lord!"

You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

**In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

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 16:1-13

pg. 79

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³ Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰ "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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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

"Proper Management"

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

"I Surrender All" (verses 1, 2, 5)

UMH #354

1. All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all,

all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender; humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken; take me, Jesus take me now.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.
5. All to Jesus I surrender; now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory to his name!
I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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, 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

"Here I Am, Lord"

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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

"Christ Has Broken Down The Wall"

W&S 3122

1. Christ has broken down the wall,
Christ has broken down the wall.
Let us join our hearts as one,
Christ has broken down the wall.
2. We're accepted as we are,
we're accepted as we are.
Through God's love all is reconciled,
we're accepted as we are.
3. Cast aside your doubts and fears,
cast aside your doubts and fears.
Peace and love, freely offered here;
cast aside your doubts and fears.
4. We will tear down the walls!
We will tear down every wall!
God has called us, one and all;
Christ has broken down the wall!

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*** The Benediction**

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

UMH #672

God be with you till we meet again.
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

*** Postlude**

“Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus”

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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, family of Mel Lockhart, 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 21st:	10:00 AM	Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Wednesday, September 24th:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Sunday, September 28th:	10:00 AM	Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
	11:15 AM	Sunday School

***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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