

# *Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church*

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## Jesus' Transfiguration

MATTHEW 17:1-13

*“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

## Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 2026

### “Waiting”

Exodus 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

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#### Prelude

#### “The Love Of God”

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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](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

#### “Holy Ground”

TFWS #2272

We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now;  
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

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#### \* Call To Worship

Climb the mountain of God.

**We will watch and wait.**

Wait for God’s glory to shine like the sun.

**Wait for Christ to reveal the heart of God.**

Wait to gain courage for the terror of the night.

**Wait for the Spirit to dispel the darkness.**

Climb the mountain of God.

**We will watch for things worth waiting for.**

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#### \* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Source of light and love, reveal to us your glory.

As you appeared to your servant Moses

in devouring fire on Mount Sinai,

appear to us now in power and might

during our time of worship.  
As you revealed Christ's resplendent light  
to his disciples on the mountaintop,  
reveal your radiant light to us  
during our fellowship together.  
Transform us with your glory,  
that our souls might shine your light  
into a world shrouded in darkness. Amen.

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### **Prayer of Yearning**

**Mighty God, we yearn to be called on a journey  
to climb your mountain of love and light.  
We long for the courage of Moses  
as we wait for your appearance,  
even when your powerful presence is like a devouring fire.  
Test our hearts, O God,  
that we might face our fears  
and prove ourselves worthy  
of your holy calling. 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**

### ***"The Church's One Foundation"***

### **Glory Ringers**

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### **Children's Time**

### **Pastor Becca**

### **Scripture**

### **Exodus 24:12-18**

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<sup>12</sup> *The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."* <sup>13</sup> *So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God.* <sup>14</sup> *To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."* <sup>15</sup> *Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.* <sup>16</sup> *The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh*

day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**Scripture**

**2 Peter 1:16-21**

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*<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* Psalter**

**Psalm 99**

**UMH #819**

**Response: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory over all the earth be found.**

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**The Lord is great in Zion,**

**And is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and wondrous name!

**Holy is the Lord!**

Mighty Ruler, lover of justice,

you have established equity;

**you have executed justice**

**and righteousness in Jacob.**

Extol the Lord our God.

Worship at the Lord's footstool!

**Holy is the Lord!**

**R**

Moses and Aaron were among God's priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on God's name.

**They cried to the Lord, who answered them,**

**who spoke to them in the pillar of cloud.**

They kept God's testimonies,

and the statutes God gave them.

**O Lord, our God, you answered them;**

**you were a forgiving God to them,**

**but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Extol the Lord our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain.

**Surely the Lord our God is holy!**

**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**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

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*<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."*

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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**

**"Waiting"**

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

**\* Hymn of Response**

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

**UMH #451**

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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, 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](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**

### ***"This Little Light Of Mine"***

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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**

### ***"Jesus, The Light Of The World"***

**W&S #3056**

1. See the bright and Morning Star, Jesus, the Light of the World!  
He has risen in our hearts, Jesus, the Light of the World!  
Walk in the light, beautiful light; come where his love and his mercy are bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the World.
2. He's the lamp that lights our way, Jesus, the Light of the World!  
Step by step and day by day- Jesus, the Light of the World!  
Walk in the light, beautiful light; come where his love and his mercy are bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the World.
3. No more darkness, no more night- Jesus, the Light of the World!  
He will shine forever bright, Jesus, the Light of the World!  
Walk in the light, beautiful light; come where his love and his mercy are bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the World.

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## **\* 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**

### ***"This Little Light Of Mine"***

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



## PRAYER LIST

Faye Brooks, the family of Nancy Ball, the family and friends of Xzayviia “Zay” Bundy, Bill Croxton, Frauke Darnell, the family of Dr. Dudley, Phyllis Dunn, Jean Edwards, Bruce George, Jim Glass, Bill Hendricks, Cindy Huber, Kelly Lafollette, Warren Minton, Andrea Mitman, Thomas Mundie, Whitney Orlando, Nate Parker, Russ Riles, Jack Robertson, Jane Ruffa, Jay Ruffa, Susie Shiriak, Colin Smith, Regan Smith, Alison Sullivan, Beverly Taylor, Thomas Tignor, Nancy Tiller, Jack Titmus, Marianne Towler, Biddy Acree Walker, Barbara Watkins, Ellie Wawner, 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

### 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, February 15 <sup>th</sup> :	10:00 AM	Transfiguration Sunday
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday, February 17 <sup>th</sup> :	10:00 AM	Church Activity Group
Wednesday, February 18 <sup>th</sup> :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	10:00 AM	First Sunday in Lent
	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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