

***Tappahannock Memorial  
United Methodist Church***

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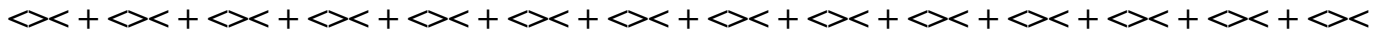
*"To all who mourn and need comfort,  
to all who are tired and need rest,  
to all who are lonely and need companionship,  
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,  
this church opens wide its doors."*

# Tappahannock Memorial UMC

## Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

### “Looking To Jesus”

Isaiah 5:1-7; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56



#### Prelude

#### “Open Our Eyes”

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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](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

#### “Abide With Me” (verses 1-3)

UMH #700

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out of life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

#### \* Call To Worship

Give ear, God of all people.

**Stir up your strength and deliver us!**

Once you rescued your children from bondage.

**Now, set your people free.**

Look down from heaven, God of hosts.

**Turn to us anew and see us in our need.**

Restore us, God of Creation.

**Let your face shine upon us.**

May our suffering cease.

**May all your children be saved.**

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### **\* Opening Prayer**

Come, Holy Spirit.

Hear our prayers and songs of praise.

We join voices from ancient times,

that placed their trust you

in days of joy or pain.

Inspire us in this hour,

that we may never surrender to despair.

Renew in us enduring faith,

even as we join eternally in song. Amen.

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### **Prayer of Yearning**

**We give thanks, Precious Lord,**

**that your love casts out fear,**

**that your life transcends death itself.**

**You simply ask that we maintain a posture of faith,**

**with eyes open to the future you will bring.**

**Forgive us when we pre-judge where we will,**

**or will not, see you.**

**We decide too soon whom we will listen to**

**and whom we will dismiss.**

**Forgive us; awaken us; restore our faith in you,**

**that we may find new faith in ourselves**

**and in the neighbors we meet. 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**

**Isaiah 5:1-7**

**pg. 634**

<sup>1</sup> *I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.*

<sup>3</sup> *And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why*

*did it yield rotten grapes? <sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!*

**Scripture**

**Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

**pg. 226**

*<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.*

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.*

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**The Word of God for the people of God.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* Psalter**

**Psalms 80**

**UMH #801**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!

In the presence of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

stir up your might, and come to save us!

**Restore us, O God;**

**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

O Lord God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**You have fed them with the bread of tears,**

**and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

You make us the scorn of our neighbors;

and our enemies laugh among themselves.

**Restore us, O God of hosts;**

**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

You brought a vine out of egypt;

you drove out the nations and planted it.

**You cleared the ground for it;**

**it took deep root and filled the land.**

The mountains were covered with its shade,

the mighty cedars with its branches;

**it sent out its branches to the sea,**

**and its shoots to the river.**

Why then have you broken down its walls,

so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

**The boar from the forest ravages it,**

**and all that move in the field feed on it.**

Turn again, O God of hosts!

Look down from heaven, and see:

**have regard for the vine,**

**the stock which your right hand planted.**

They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;

may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance!

**But let your hand be upon those of your right hand,**

**the ones whom you have made strong for yourself!**

Then we will never turn back from you;

give us life, and we will call on your name!

**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!**

**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**\* 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 12:49-56**

**pg. 75**

<sup>49</sup> "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." <sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites!

*You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?*

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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**

**“Looking To Jesus”**

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

**\* Hymn of Response**

**“We Walk By Faith”** (verses 1-4)

**TFWS #2196**

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight:  
No gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e’er spoke,  
but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side,  
nor follow where he trod;  
yet in his promise we rejoice,  
and cry, “My Lord and God!”
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  
and may our faith abound;  
to call on you when you are near,  
and seek where you are found:
4. That when our life of faith is done  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are  
in full and endless sight.

**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**

***"Jesus Loves Me"***

#### **\* 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**

***"My Life Flows On"***

**TFWS #2212**

1. My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
3. What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

**\* The Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

***"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"***

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

## **PRAYER LIST**

Marie Ashley, Faye Brooks, Davidson Burgess, the family of Lora Drinkard, Jean Edwards, Bill Hendricks, Russ Koesterich, Kelly Lafollette, Thomas Mundie, Jack Robertson, Jay Ruffa, Ruth Ann Simpson, Colin Smith, Regan Smith, Alison Sullivan, Jack Titmus, Barbara Watkins, Ellie Wawner, 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**

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| <b>Today, August 17<sup>th</sup>:</b> | <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Tenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> |
|                                       | <b>11:15 AM</b> | <b>Sunday School</b>                |
| Wednesday, August 20 <sup>th</sup> :  | 10:30 AM        | Wednesday Morning Group             |
| Sunday, August 24 <sup>th</sup> :     | 10:00 AM        | Eleventh 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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