

***Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church***

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LUKE

Parables are stories illustrating
some spiritual truth about
God, faith, or how we're
meant to live.

*Join us in worship this week as we
explore some of Jesus's most beloved
parables found only in Luke's Gospel.*

JESUS AND THE OUTSIDERS,
OUTCASTS, AND OUTLAWS

*"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."*

3rd Sunday in Lent

“Parables from the Underside”

March 12, 2023

Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; Psalm 95 (UMH 814); Luke 15:11-32, 18:9-14

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Prelude

“Wherever He Leads, I’ll Go”

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Welcome, Announcements & Registration of Attendance

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

“Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”

UMH # 339

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| 1. Come, sinners, to the gospel feast;
let every soul be Jesus' guest.
Ye need not one be left behind,
for God hath bid all humankind. | 2. Sent by my Lord, on you I call;
the invitation is to all.
Come, all the world! Come, sinner, thou!
All things in Christ are ready now. |
| 3. Come, all ye souls by sin oppressed,
ye restless wanderers after rest;
ye poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind,
in Christ a hearty welcome find. | 4. My message as from God receive;
ye all may come to Christ and live.
O let his love your hearts constrain,
nor suffer him to die in vain. |
| 5. This is the time, no more delay!
This is the Lord's accepted day.
Come thou, this moment, at his call,
and live for him who died for all. | |

* Call to Worship (Adapted from Luke 6:20-23)

Happy are those who are poor, because God’s kingdom belongs to them.

Happy are those who are hungry, because they will be satisfied.

Happy are those who weep, because they will laugh.

Happy are those who are rejected, insulted, and condemned because of Jesus. They will have a great reward.

Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

The Son of Man lifts up the poor, feeds the hungry, comforts those who mourn, and seeks out the lost.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy One, we yearn to draw near as we arrive in this place. We come to calm our hearts, soothe our fears, and deepen our faith. As the Samaritan woman before us, help us draw cool water from the well of your love, and help us leave with the living water of belief, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

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Prayer of Confession

Lord God, as we search our hearts through this season of Lent, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from those in need. We have not lifted up the lowly. We have strayed from your will. We have failed to do the things you have called us to do. We have looked on others with judgment rather than compassion. Forgive us, we pray. Lift us out of our sin and fill our hearts with your goodness and love. See us as we are. Show us mercy and remember us today. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. 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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Children's Time

The Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

pg. 64

*17*From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

***5**Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2**through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. **3**And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4**and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5**and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

***6**For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7**Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. **8**But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. **9**Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. **10**For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. **11**But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Above All”

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor, Vocalist
JeyLynn Minor, ASL Interpreter**

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*** Psalter**

Psalm 95

UMH # 814

**¹O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

**²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

**³For the LORD is a great God,
and a great Ruler above all gods,
⁴in whose hands are the depths of the earth;
and also the heights of the mountains.
⁵The sea belongs to God who made it,
and the dry land, because God formed it.**

**⁶O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

**⁷For he is our God,
we are the people of God's pasture,
and the sheep of God's hand.**

Hear the voice of the Lord today!

**⁸Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
⁹when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
¹⁰For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, “They are a people who err in heart,**

and they do not regard my ways.”

¹¹Therefore I swore in my anger
that they should not enter my rest.

* **The Gloria Patri**

*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.*

* **Gospel**

Luke 15:11-32, 18:9-14

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15 ¹¹Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

18 ⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

“Parables from the Underside”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Amazing Grace”

UMH # 378

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| <p>1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.</p> <p>3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.</p> <p>5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.</p> | <p>2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.</p> <p>4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.</p> <p>6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.</p> |
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*** Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from Luke 1:46-55)**

With all my heart I glorify the Lord!

In the depths of my soul I rejoice in God my savior.

God has looked with favor on those of low status.

The mighty one has done great things for us.

God shows mercy to everyone,

from one generation to the next.

**God scatters those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations,
and welcomes sinners and outcasts.**

**God pulls the powerful down from their thrones
and lifts up the lowly.**

**God fills the hungry with good things
and sends the rich away empty-handed.**

**There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent,
when those who are lost have been found.**

For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.

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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 and Russia; natural disasters; 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; those on the front lines, and the UMC during this time of separation and as the church moves forward.

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 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 app: Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory

“Precious Memories”

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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

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”

UMH # 369

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. **{R}**
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **{R}**
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **{R}**

* Benediction

* Postlude

“How Marvelous”

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Thank you for joining us in worship!



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MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS: SSGT Jonathan Simpson.

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jim Climaldi, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer,
Don and Carol Nicholas, Edna Parrish, Eleanor Rehm, and Jean Rhines.

** Please contact the office for the phone number or address for these members of our church family*

SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Today:	10:00 am	3rd Sunday in Lent Worship This Week's Lenten Sermon Series Title: "Parables from the Underside" Anthem provided by: Pastor Becca Minor & JeyLynn Minor
	11:15 am	Sunday School: In-person only
Monday:	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Called Charge Conference via Zoom
Wednesday:	10:30 am	Wednesday Morning Group & Bag Lunch
Thursday:	8:30 am - 4 pm	VCU On-Site Mobile Health & Wellness
Sunday, March 19 th :	8:45 am	Glory Ringers Rehearsal
	10:00 am	4 th Sunday in Lent Worship w/Choir Special Offering: UMCOR Sunday This Week's Lenten Sermon Series Title: "On the Journey to Jerusalem"
	11:15 am	Sunday School: In-person only
Monday, March 20 th :		First Day of Spring!
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee meeting
Tuesday, March 21st:		Deadline for Submitting April Newsletter Info & Schedules

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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