

*Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church*

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**himself as the
cornerstone ...**

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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

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

“The Cornerstone”

July 21, 2024

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Ephesians 2:11-12; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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Prelude

“We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

JoAnn Ruffa, Beth Harvey, and the Jacob’s Ladder Campers

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

“America- My Country Tis Of Thee”

UMH #697

1. My country ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims’ pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!
2. My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills, like that above.
3. Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom’s song;
let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.
4. Our fathers’ God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with free dom’s holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

* Call to Worship

When you are weary in your bones...

here you will find rest.

When you are divided from family and friends...

here you will find peace.

When you are discouraged and downhearted...

here you will find hope and courage.

When you are looking for a shepherd to guide you...

here you will find succor and peace.

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Healer of division, your Son came to abolish enmity
and to create one humanity in his name.

Unite us with your saints
and bring us into the peace of your household,
that we might dwell as one family
through the one Spirit.

Be present in our worship this day
and seal us in the heart of Christ, our shepherd.

Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

**Shepherding God, call us away to a deserted place,
for we need your loving care.**

We need your Spirit to guide us.

We need your peace to our divisions.

**We yearn to abandon old grievances
and embrace wholeness in our lives.**

**We long to see people,
friends and adversaries alike,
as beloved members of your household.**

In this, we will find peace. 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.

Reception of New Members

As *members* of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence,
your gifts, your service and your witness?

I will.

Members of the household of God,
I commend *these persons* to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase *their* faith,

confirm *their* hope, and perfect *them* in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

Special Music

“Down To The River To Pray”

Will & Callie Towler

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Children’s Time

Pastor Becca

Scripture

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

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¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” ³Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.” ⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of

his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Scripture

Ephesians 2:11-22

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So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

“Peace Like A River”

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*** Psalter**

Psalm 89:20-37

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I have found David, my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him;
so that my hand shall ever abide with him,
my arm also shall strengthen him.

The enemy shall not outwit him,
the wicked shall not humble him.

I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.

My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,
and on my name shall his horn be exalted.

I will set his hand on the sea

and his right hand on the rivers.
“He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.
And I will make him the first-born,
the highest of the kings of the earth.
My steadfast love I will keep for him for ever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
I will establish his line for ever
and his throne as the days of the heavens.
If his children forsake my law
and do not walk according to my ordinances,
if they violate my statutes
and do not keep my commandments,
then I will punish their transgression with the rod
And their iniquity with scourges;
but I will not remove from him my steadfast love,
or be false to my faithfulness.
I will not violate my covenant,
or alter the word that went forth from my lips.
Once for all I have sworn by my holiness;
I will not lie to David.
His like shall endure for ever,
his throne as long as the sun before me.
Like the moon it shall be established for ever;
it shall stand firm while the skies endure.”

*** 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.*

*** Gospel**

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

“The Cornerstone”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Jesus Loves Me”

UMH #191

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
2. Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me.”
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
3. Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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

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

"It Is Well With My Soul"

JoAnn Ruffa & Beth Harvey

*** 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**

"This Little Light Of Mine"

UMH #585

1. This little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Everywhere I go, I'm goin' a let it shine,
everywhere I go, I'm goin' a let it shine;
everywhere I go, I'm goin' a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. All through the night, I'm goin' a let it shine,
all through the night, I'm goin' a let it shine;
all through the night, I'm goin' a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Clark Anderson, Wright Andrews, Eddie Bliss, Bob Burke, Faye Brooks, the family of Angel Collins, Sally Conway, George Croxton, Tinker Fornash, Roxanne Griffith, Bill Hendricks, Cindy Huber, Betty Gregory, Shirley Johnson, the family of Diane Kean, The family of Dr. Jim Ledwith, Carolyn Lewis, Ron Lucas, The Mendoza Family, Tawana Murry, Leslie Shaver, Rev. John Tate, Nancy Tiller, Barbara Watkins, Dana Wells and the family of Jane Wells; Betty Whitten and Gina Wyse. Inclusion & equality for the LGBTQ family & friends. All affected by critical weather and violence, everyone who struggles with drug addiction and alcoholism, those in peril, 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, Will Hollins at Marine Boot Camp

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jim Climaldi, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer, Carol Nicholas, Edna Parrish 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, July 21st:	10:00 AM	Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Wednesday, July 24 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, July 28 th :	10:00 AM	Tenth 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.

Pastor: The Reverend Rebecca L. Minor, Cell Phone: (757) 870-8265

Music Director: Kelly Wright; **Pianist:** Beth Harvey

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Pastor's Office Hours: Tue - Thu: 9 am – 2 pm