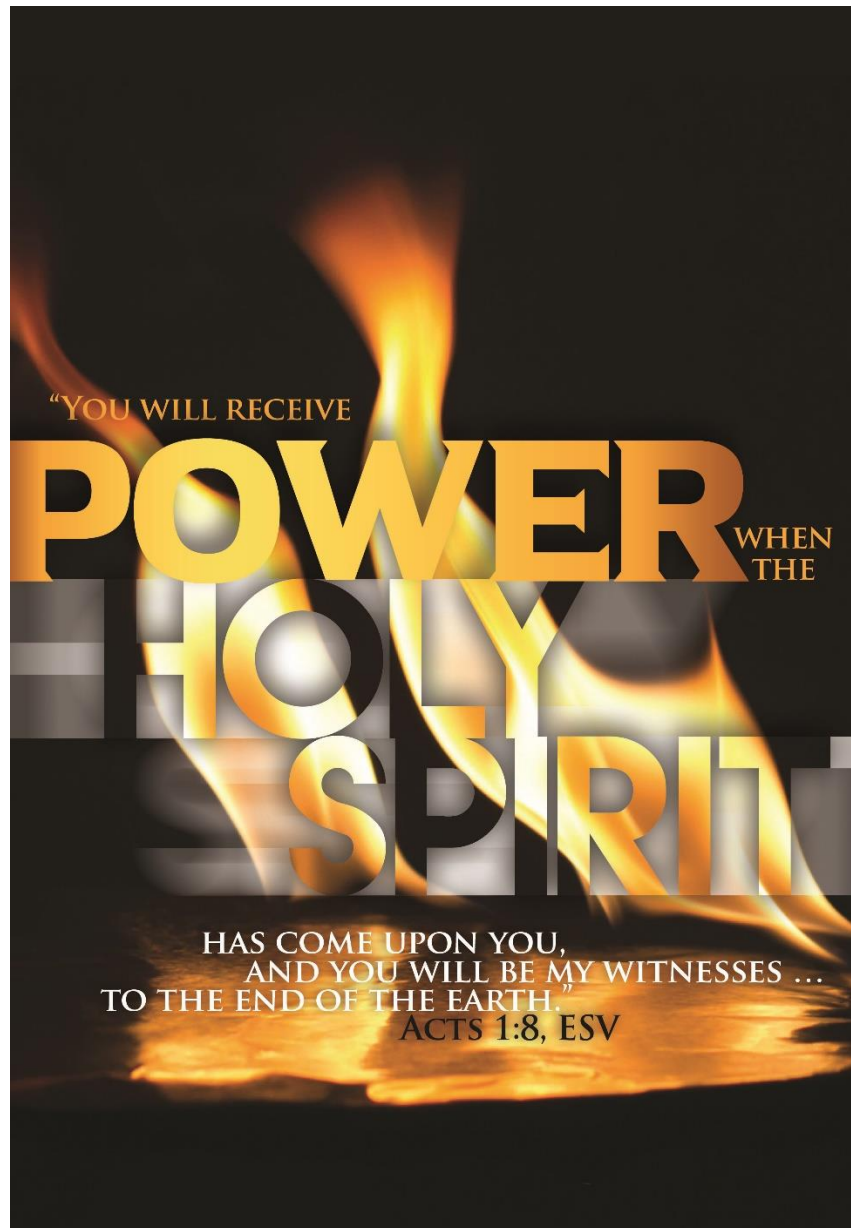


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*"To all who mourn and need comfort,
to all who are tired and need rest,
to all who are lonely and need companionship,
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,
this church opens wide its doors."*

Tappahannock Memorial UMC

Ascension Sunday

“Powerful Promises”

May 21, 2023

Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:15-23, Psalm 47 (UM781), Luke 24:44-53

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Prelude

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

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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

“Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise”

UMH # 312

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| <p>1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!</p> <p>3. See! the heaven its Lord receives,
Alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves,
Alleluia! Though returning to his throne,
Alleluia! Still he calls the world his own,
Alleluia!</p> | <p>2. There the glorious triumph awaits,
Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates,
Alleluia! Christ hath conquered death
and sin, Alleluia! Take the King of glory
in, Alleluia!</p> <p>4. See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love,
Alleluia! Hark! his gracious lips bestow,
Alleluia! Blessings on his church below,
Alleluia!</p> |
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* Call to Worship:

Let us gather in this space.

We gather from many places.

Let us center ourselves for worship.

**We are one in the Spirit
with joy in our hearts.**

Let us receive God’s blessing.

God’s blessing is ours.

We are God's beloved! Amen!

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Breath of God, renew us in this time of worship. Help us set aside thoughts that trouble us. Help us pause the challenges of the world that taunt us. Pour your spirit within each one of us, that we may be re-spirited in this hour by your power and your grace. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession

Life-giving God, we receive your blessing, but we don't always feel worthy to receive it. Your call often confuses us and your love seems too generous. We worship and pray, yet we still count the times we fall short of what we think you expect of us. Your mercy is abundant, but we hesitate to open our hearts to receive it. Get our attention and draw us closer to you, that we may know the relief of your assurance. As we pray to you, hear our prayers. Amen.

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The Words of Assurance

God hears our faithful prayers

and looks upon us with eyes filled with compassion.

Christ advocates on our behalf;

through him, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Children's Time

Rev. Barbara Jacobs

Scriptures

Acts 1:1-11

pg. 118

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Master, Speak! Thy Servant Heareth”

Glory Ringers

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*** Psalter**

Psalms 47

UMH # 781

¹ Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

² For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,

a great Ruler over all the earth.

³ who subdued peoples under us,

and nations under our feet,

⁴ **who chose our heritage for us,**

the pride of Jacob whom God loves.

⁵ God has gone up with a shout,

the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!

⁷ For God is the Ruler of all the earth;

sing praises with a psalm!

⁸ God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

⁹ The princes of the people gather

as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God,

who is highly exalted!

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 24:44-53

pg. 91

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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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

“Powerful Promises”

Rev. Barbara Jacobs

*** Hymn of Response**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH # 89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory,
Lord of love; hearts unfolded like flowers
before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt
the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark
of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth
and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels
sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery
meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and
flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing,
ever blest, well spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father,
Christ our brother, all who live in love are
thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us
to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the
morning stars began; love divine is reigning
o’er us, binding all within its span. Ever
singing, march we onward, victors in the
midst of strife; joyful music leads us
sunward, in the triumph song of life.

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles Creed

UMH # 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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; 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. Please let us know of other prayer concerns and needs.

Pastoral Prayer

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

Special Offering Pinnacle Living

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

"His Eye Is On The Sparow"

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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**

“I’ll Fly Away”

TFWS # 2282

{R} I’ll fly away, O glory, I’ll fly away.

When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away.

1. Some glad morning when this life is o’er, I’ll fly away:
To a home on God’s celestial shore, I’ll fly away. {R}
2. When the shadows of this life have gone, I’ll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I’ll fly away. {R}
3. Just a few more weary days and then, I’ll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end, I’ll fly away. {R}

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* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

“To God Be The Glory”

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Eddie Bliss, Alice Boyd, Rob & Cheryl Baumgardner, Priscilla Carter and husband, Olivia Egge, Brock & Tammy Fielder, Peyton & Mae Lynne Guest, Chuck Harding Jr., Beth Harvey, Bill Hendricks, The family of Mildred Hiveley, Josh Hodges, Cindy Huber, Carolyn Lewis, The family of Jody Lewis Dolly Loomis & family, Bill Loser, Kathleen MacDonald, The Family of Mike Martin, Ray Massie, Yvonne Minor, Monica Newsham, Nate Parker, Russ Riles, Tina Shaver, Mary Lou Simpson, John & Debbie Snyder, Jackson Titmus, The Family of Brody Verlander, Wilber's grandmother "Rita". 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, and Europe during this time of war, everyone around the world as we fight the spread of COVID-19, and the UMC during the separation and as the church moves forward.

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	Ascension Sunday Worship w/ Glory Ringers
Monday:	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Thursday:	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	VCU On-Site Mobile Health & Wellness
Sunday, May 28 th :	8:45 AM	Glory Ringers Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Day of Pentecost Worship w/ Glory Ringers

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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