

***Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church***

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LUKE

**“The Human One came to seek
and save the lost” (Luke 19:10).
Through the final week of his life,
Jesus reached out to the lowly
and outcast.**

*Join us in worship this Sunday as we continue
our sermon series on the Gospel of Luke!*

**JESUS AND THE OUTSIDERS,
OUTCASTS, AND OUTLAWS**

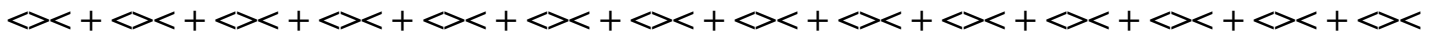
*“To all who mourn and need comfort,
to all who are tired and need rest,
to all who are lonely and need companionship,
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,
this church opens wide its doors.”*

5th Sunday in Lent

“The Final Week”

March 26, 2023

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11; Psalm 130 (UMH 848); Luke 19:1-10, 22:24-27



Prelude

“In the Garden”

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

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

UMH # 213

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| 1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here! | 2. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy. |
| 3. Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal. | 4. Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name! |

* Call to Worship (Adapted from Luke 11:2-9)

God has pulled the powerful down from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty-handed.

The greatest among you must become like a person of low status, and the leader like a servant.

Jesus came to us as one who serves. We will eat and drink at his table in his kingdom.

Today, salvation has come to us.

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

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Great God of comfort and healing, we come today with many questions: “How will we survive the challenges of this day? Can we get through our moments of loss and grief? Will we be comforted when our tears flow like mighty streams?” In the midst of our questions, we hear

voices of assurance and comfort. “I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live. With the Lord there is steadfast love. The Spirit of God dwells in you. You will see the glory of God.” May these voices remind us of your abiding presence, and your steadfast love. Thank you for walking with us throughout our days. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

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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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

pg. 806

37*The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.” ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves,*

and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

Romans 8:6-11

pp. 157-158

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.
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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Simple Gifts”

Glory Ringers

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*** Psalter**

Psalms 130

UMH # 848

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

² Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!**

³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

**⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,
that you may be worshipped.**

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
in the Lord’s word I hope;

**⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
with the Lord is plenteous redemption.

**⁸ And the Lord will redeem Israel
from all iniquities.**

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.***

19 *He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” ⁹Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”*

22 *²⁵But he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.*

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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

“The Final Week”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

* **Hymn of Response**

“All Who Love and Serve Your City” UMH # 433, v. 1, 2, 4

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| <p>1. All who love and serve your city,
all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice,
all who curse and all who bless:</p> <p>3. For all days are days of judgment,
and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near to all who spurn him,
offering peace from Calvary's hill.</p> | <p>2. In your day of loss and sorrow,
in your day of helpless strife,
honor, peace, and love retreating,
seek the Lord, who is your life.</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

“The Old Rugged Cross”

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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**

“Lord, Be Glorified”

FWS # 2150

**1. In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.**

2. In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.
3. In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.
4. In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

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*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

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Thank you for joining us in worship!



*You are cordially invited to attend
a celebratory reception
in the Fellowship Hall
following worship on
April 2, 2023
in honor of the baptism of
Tenley Kaye Kuhnert
and
Hailey Brae Kuhnert*



PRAYER LIST

Tri Blanks, Eddie Bliss, Alice Boyd, Priscilla Carter and husband, Brittany Clark, Olivia Egge, Brock & Tammy Fielder, Peyton & Mae Lynne Guest, Bill Hendricks, Josh Hodges, the family of Tom Holmes, Sarah Hundley, Rev. Barb & Alan Jacobs, Paige Klemm, Tenley & Hailey and Robin & Bill Kuhnert, Vicky La Follette's cousin Teresa, Carolyn Lewis, Bill Loser, Kathleen MacDonald, Jacob McGuckin, Ray Massie, Yvonne Minor, Chris Mooney, Janet Murphy, Monica Newsham, Nate Parker, Tri Parker, Joanne Ruffa, Tina Shaver, Mary Lou Simpson, John & Debbie Snyder, Tonya & Jeff Stout, Jackson Titmus, Brody Verlander, Faye Vlahovich, Eric Whitten, and Robin (Whitten) Patton. 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,

Lorene Mundie, 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:	Last Day to Order Easter Lilies & Tulips	
	10:00 AM	5th Sunday in Lent Worship w/Glory Ringers
		This Week's Lenten Sermon Series Title:
		"The Final Week"
	11:15 AM	Sunday School: In-person only
Monday:	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Thursday:	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	VCU On-Site Mobile Health & Wellness
Sunday, April 2 nd :	8:45 AM	Glory Ringers Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Palm Sunday Worship Service led by The Reverend Barbara Jacobs & Baptism of Tenley & Hailey Kuhnert w/ Choir & Glory Ringers
	11:15 AM	Reception in Celebration of the Baptism of the Kuhnert Twins

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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