

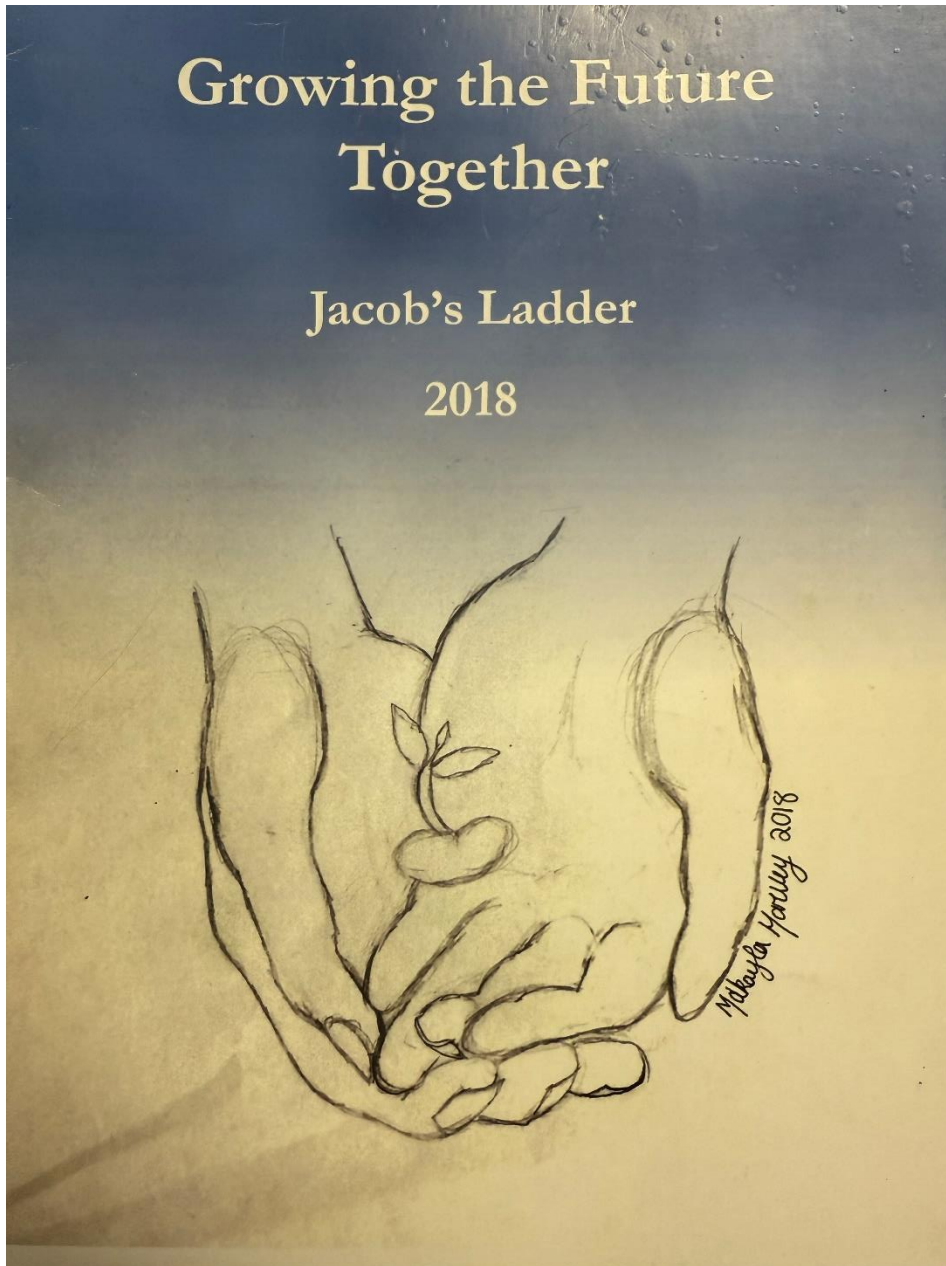
***Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church***

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**Growing the Future
Together**

Jacob's Ladder

2018



*“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

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

“From Judgement To Hope”

Amos 8:1-12; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

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Prelude

“Bagatelle”

Austin Guth, Waylon Varneau

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

“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 freedom’s holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

* Call To Worship

We come into God’s presence,

like green olive trees in the house of God.

We drink deep from the waters of life,

like young saplings in the courtyard of the Lord.

We ripen in the light of God,

like the fruit of God’s vineyard.

Come! Let us worship.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Loving God, your presence in our lives

is like a green olive tree—
a joy to the heart
and a blessing to the spirit.
Your movement in our midst
is like a basket of summer fruit—
a delight to the eye
and a pleasure to the tongue.
Speak to us your words of life,
that we may sit at your feet
and know that we are yours. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

**When the winds of life buffet us, O God,
we need your hand to hold us
and your love to make us whole.
Speak words of peace to our aching hearts,
that we might find the courage
to embrace the fullness of life
you place before us.
Correct our sight when our vision fades,
and lead in right paths when we lose our way.
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

Joanne Ruffa

Scripture

Amos 7:7-17

pg. 856

¹ *This is what the Lord GOD showed me: a basket of summer fruit.* ² *He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.* ³ *The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day," says the Lord GOD; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!"* ⁴ *Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,* ⁵ *saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances,* ⁶ *buying the poor for silver and the*

needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” ⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. ⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? ⁹ On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day. ¹¹ The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. ¹² They shall wander from sea to sea and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

Scripture

Colossians 1:15-28

pg. 200

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel. ²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Be Thou My Vision”

Cathy Gregory, Oboe

*** Psalter**

Psalm 84

UMH #805

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

**My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the Lord;**

**my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

O Lord of hosts, my Ruler and my God,
at your altars even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young.

**Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**As they go through the valley of tears,
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

**Behold our shield, O God;
Look upon the face of your anointed!**

For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield,
and bestows favor and honor.

**No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.**

**O Lord of hosts,
blessed are those who trust in you!**

*** 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 10:38-42

pg. 72

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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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

“From Judgement To Hope”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Humble Thyself In The Sight Of The Lord”

TFWS #2131

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord,
and he shall lift you up, higher and higher,
and he shall lift you up.

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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, or download our mobile e-giving app identified on the last page of today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory

"Precious Lord"

Fitz Dillard

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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

"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

UMH #418

1. We are climbing Jacob's ladder; we are climbing Jacob's ladder,
we are climbing Jacob's ladder; soldiers of the cross.
2. Every round goes higher, higher; every round goes higher, higher,
every round goes higher, higher, soldiers of the cross.
3. Sinner, do you love my Jesus? Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Sinner, do you love my Jesus? Soldiers of the cross.
4. If you love him, why not serve him? If you love him, why not serve him?
If you love him, why not serve him? Soldiers of the cross.
5. We are climbing higher higher, we are climbing higher, higher,
we are climbing higher, higher; soldiers of the cross.

* The Benediction

* Postlude

"He's Got The Whole World"

Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Marie Ashley, Faye Brooks, Davidson Burgess, Jean Edwards, Bill Hendricks, Thomas Mundie, Jack Robertson, Jay Ruffa, Colin Smith, Jack Titmus, Barbara Watkins, Ashley Wind and the family of Pat Wright. 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

Today, July 20th:	10:00 AM	Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Wednesday, July 23 rd :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, July 27 th :	10:00 AM	Seventh 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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Pastor's Office Hours: Tue - Thu: 9 am – 2 pm