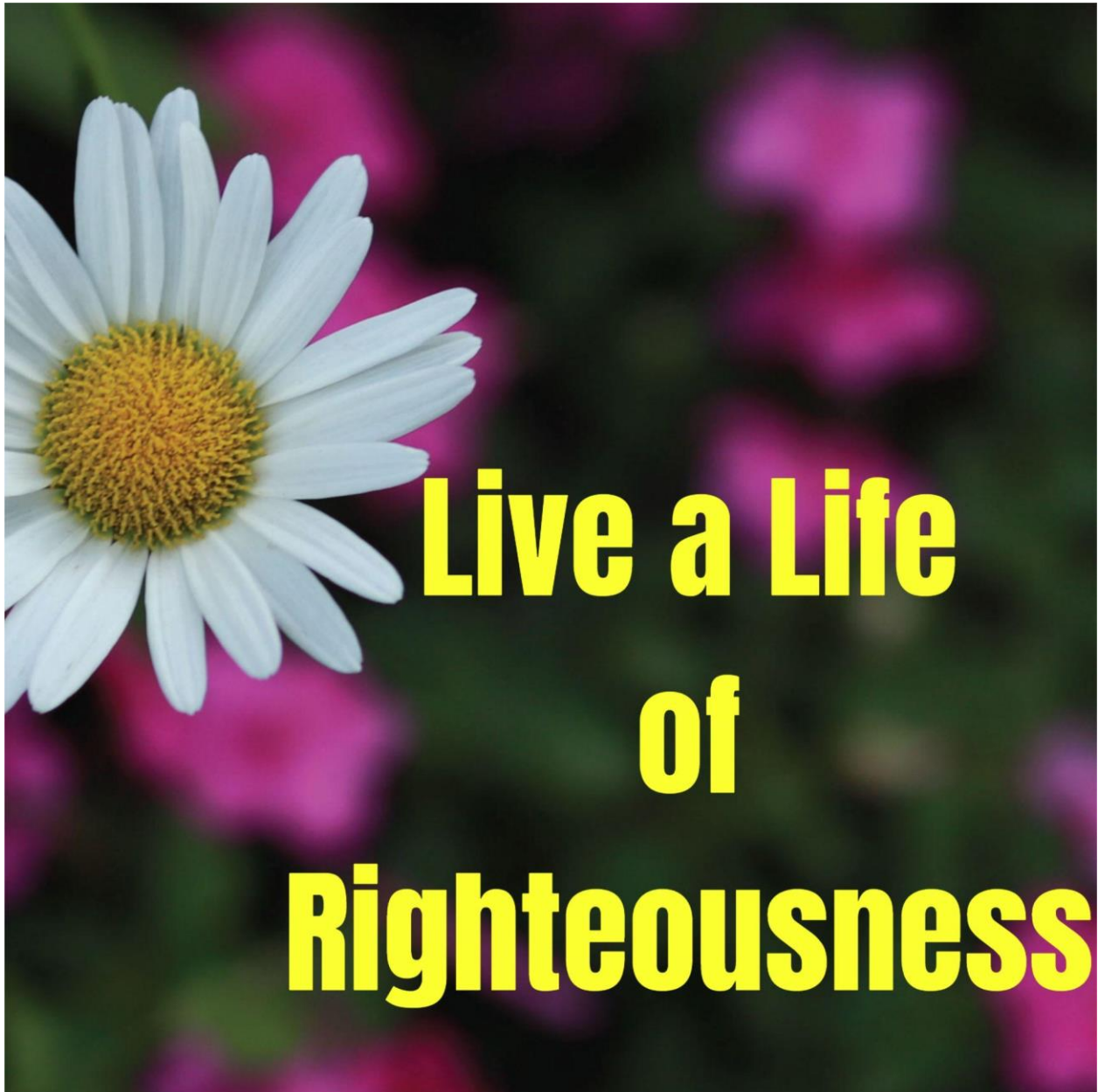


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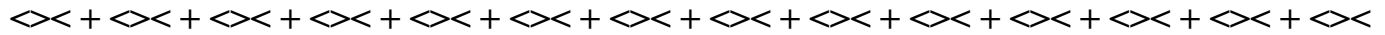
*“To all who mourn and need comfort,
to all who are tired and need rest,
to all who are lonely and need companionship,
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,
this church opens wide its doors.”*

Tappahannock Memorial UMC

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

“A Life Of Righteousness”

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40



Prelude

“Little Prelude in F”

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

“Faith Of Our Fathers”

UMH #710

1. Faith of our fathers, living still,
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
when'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.
2. Faith of our fathers, we will strive
to win all nations unto thee;
and through the truth that comes from God,
we all shall then be truly free.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.
3. Faith of our fathers, we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife;
and preach thee, too, as love knows how
by kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

* Call To Worship

From the rising to the setting sun,

God summons us.

In the perfect beauty all around us,

God brightens our hearts.

When we worship with acts of love and mercy,

God is pleased to give us the kingdom.

Come! Let justice and righteousness be our worship.

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*** Opening Prayer**

Mighty God, dress us for action,
for the world is in need of our care.
Turn us from our selfish ways
and help us share the fat of this good land.
For when we refuse and rebel,
we reap what we have sown.
Your care and compassion call to us.
Your mercy and grace reach out to us.
Heal us day,
and may it be your good pleasure
to give us the kingdom.

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Prayer of Yearning

**When our prayers and devotions
are divorced from works of love and justice,
we long to return to your ways.
Wash us with your grace and mercy
and help us store up treasure in heaven
where neither thief nor moth destroy.
Remove the evil we harbor in our hearts,
and transform our selfish deeds
into acts of righteousness.
In your holy name, we pray. 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

Pastor Becca

Scripture

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

pg. 630

¹ *The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.*

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats. ¹² When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more! ¹³ Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. ¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil; ¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow. ¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow? If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool? ¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land, ²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Scripture

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“This Is My Father’s World”

Lauren Ficklin, Alto Saxophone & Beth Harvey, Piano

* Psalter

Psalm 50:1-15

UMH #783

The Mighty One, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

Our God comes, and does not keep silence,
before whom is a devouring fire,
round about whom is a mighty storm.

**God calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that the people may be judged:**

“Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

**The heavens declare God’s righteousness,
for God alone is judge!**

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak,
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.

**I do not reprove you for your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

But I will not accept a bull from your house,
nor a he-goat from your folds.

**For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

I know all the birds of the air,
and all that moves in the field is mine.

**If I were hungry, I would not tell you;
for the world and all that is in it is mine.**

Do I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High;
and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”**

* 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 12:32-40

pg. 75

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their

master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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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

“A Life Of Righteousness”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Take Time To Be Holy”

UMH #395

1. Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God’s children, help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.
2. Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.
3. Take time to be holy, let him be thy gude,
and run not before him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.
4. Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive beneath his control.
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

*** Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

UMH #880

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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, 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

“Through It All”

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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**

“Seek Ye First”

UMH #405

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto;
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

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*** The Benediction**

*** Postlude**

“Send The Light”

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Marie Ashley, Faye Brooks, Davidson Burgess, the family of Lora Drinkard, Jean Edwards, Bill Hendricks, Thomas Mundie, Jack Robertson, Jay Ruffa, Ruth Ann Simpson, Colin Smith, Regan Smith, Jack Titmus, Barbara Watkins, and Ashley Wind. 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

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| Today, August 10th: | 10:00 AM | Ninth Sunday After Pentecost |
| | 11:15 AM | Sunday School |
| Monday, August 11 th : | 6:00 PM | Leadership Team |
| Wednesday, August 13 th : | 10:30 AM | Wednesday Morning Group |
| Sunday, August 17 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.

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