

Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church

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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

MATTHEW 22:39

*“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
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
“We Are All God’s Children, Loved Equally By Our Creator”
Proverbs 3:1-6; Galatians 3:26-29, Matthew 22:34-40

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Prelude

“Jesus Loves The Little Children”

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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 worshiping 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**

“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.

*** Call To Worship**

People of Faith, come and see what God has done!

God has guided us and walked with us.

See how God has protected us.

God has brought us to this sacred space.

Let us give glory to God!

Let us sing praises to God!

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*** Opening Prayer**

Holy One, we gather to sing your praises!
We are grateful for the gift of this day
and all the ways you make your presence known.
We are grateful for your abiding Spirit
and the ways the Spirit empowers us to be your people.
In this time of worship, deepen our faith.
Restore our souls and heal us.
After we have spent time with you,
return us to our community,
that we may share your love and grace
with everyone we meet.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, there are times in our lives
when we turn away from you,
when we mess up,
when we push aside the needs of our community,
and when we ignore your presence in our lives.
It is during these times that we cry out,
“Have mercy on us!”
In your loving, forgiving way,
you reach out to heal us, forgive us,
and renew us.
May your everlasting faith strengthen our resolve
to follow Christ’s ways. 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

Jeannie Harvey

Scripture

Proverbs 3:1-6

pg. 585

¹ My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, ² for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. ³ Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;

bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ Then you will find favor and high regard in the sight of God and of people. ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Scripture

Galatians 3:26-29

pg. 189

²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*** Psalter**

Psalms 139:1-18

UMH #854

R: Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts.

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you know it altogether.**

You pursue me behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high, I cannot attain it.**

R

Whither shall I go from your spirit?

Or whither shall I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

**If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.**

If I say, "Let only darkness cover me,
and the light about me be night,"

**even the darkness is not dark to you,
the night is bright as the day;
for darkness is as light with you.**

R

For it was you who formed my inward parts,

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful.

Wonderful are your works!

You know me very well;
**my frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
Intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance;
**in your book were written
the days that were formed for me,
every day, before they came into being.**

How profound to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

**If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
When I awake, I am still with you.**

R

*** 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**

Matthew 22:34-40

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³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

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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

“We Are All God’s Children, Loved Equally By Our Creator”

John Harvey

Special Music

“Love Can Build A Bridge”

John Harvey & Beth Harvey

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*** Hymn of Response**

“O How He Loves You And Me”

TFWS #2108

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| 1. O how he loves you and me!
O how he loves you and me!
He gave his life. What more could he give?
O how he loves you; O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me! | 2. Jesus to Calv’ry did go;
his love for sinners to show.
What he did there brought hope from despair.
O how he loves you; O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me! |
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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

Pastor Becca

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.

Congregational 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

"Jesus Loves Me"

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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 Stand Amazed In The Presence"

UMH #371

1. I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.
How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!
2. For me it was in the garden he prayed: "Not my will, but thine."
He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweatdrops of blood for mine.
How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!
3. In pity angels beheld him, and came from the world of light
to comfort him in the sorrows he bore for my soul that night.
How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!
4. He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them his very own;
he bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.
How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!
5. When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see,
'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me.
How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

*** The Benediction**

"God Be With You Til We Meet Again"

UMH #672

God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

*** Postlude**

"Love Lifted Me"

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Faye Brooks, Jean Edwards, Bruce George, Bill Hendricks, Kelly Lafollette, family of Mel Lockhart, Warren Minton, Thomas Mundie, Whitney Orlando, Nate Parker, Jack Robertson, Jane Ruffa, Jay Ruffa, Colin Smith, Lynn Smith, Regan Smith, Alison Sullivan, John & Barbara Tate, Nancy Tiller, Jack Titmus, Marianne Towler, Barbara Watkins, Ellie Wawner, Betty Weaver, Ashley Wind, and the family of Devin Woodland. 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, LTC Matt Redmond

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, October 12th:	10:00 AM	Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Wednesday, October 15th:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Sunday, October 19th:	10:00 AM	Nineteenth 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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