

*Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church*

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Blessings and Woes
Luke 6:20-26

*“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 The Epiphany

“Blessings And Woes”

February 16, 2025

Jeremiah 17:5-10; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

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Prelude

“He Touched Me”

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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

“Marching To Zion”

UMH #733

1. Come we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.
We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.
We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.
We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
we’re marching through Emmanuel’s ground, we’re marching through Emmanuel’s ground,
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.
We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

*** Call To Worship**

Happy are those who delight in God's ways,
**who set their hearts and minds
on the laws of God's love.**

In the presence of the Holy, they are like trees
planted by the waters of life.

**They are fed by enduring streams,
with roots that reach into the depths
of the soul.**

They are nourished in times of drought
and bring forth fruit in seasons of famine.

**Life shall spring forth as they walk each day
in the Way of peace.**

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Holy One, when the road is dusty under our feet
and we find ourselves engulfed,
you share with us the water of life.

You plant our spirits
by the streams of your Being.

You nourish our bodies
and replenish our souls.

You challenge our minds
and guide our hearts.

Lead us, again, O God,
into your presence with your prayers.

Be with us, as your renewing love overflows
from our lives and our souls
into the world. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

**God of Mercy, whose presence is ever-living,
make us whole.**

**Lay your path before us,
for we are easily confused, distracted,
blown off course, and lost.**

**In the arid places of our lives—
the seasons when our hearts starve
and our souls are parched and dry—
lead us to your living waters
and the nourishment
of your ever-flowing streams.**

Plant us and center us in the core of your mercy,

**that we might soak up your grace
and touch the fullness of your Life,
this day and all days. 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.

The Baptismal Covenant

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Hymn

"I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry"

TFWS #2051

1. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
2. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
3. When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
4. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk til rising sun.
5. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
6. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.
7. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old,
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold!

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Children's Time

Pastor Becca

Scripture

Jeremiah 17:5-10

pg. 719

⁵Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in

the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

pg. 176

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“All Things Bright And Beautiful”

The Glory Ringers

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*** Psalter**

Psalms 1

UMH #738

Response 2: Like a tree that’s planted by the water, we shall not be moved.

Blessed are those

Who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;

or stand in the way of sinners,

or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord,

and on God’s law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees

planted by streams of water

that yield their fruit in season,

and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

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The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff which the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment;

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

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*** 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.*

*** Gospel**

Luke 6:17-26

pg. 64

¹⁷He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false 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

"Blessings And Woes"

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

"Through It All"

UMH #507

Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God;
through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon God's word.

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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

"You Raise Me Up"

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*** Doxology**

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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**

“Guide My Feet”

TFWS #2208

1. Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!
2. Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!
3. Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!
4. I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!
5. Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!
6. Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

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*** Benediction**

“Go Now In Peace”

UMH #665

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you,
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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*** Postlude**

“We Are Marching In The Light Of God”

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PRAYER LIST

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MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

SSGT Jonathan Simpson

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jean Edwards, Carol Nicholas and Edna Parrish.

** Please contact the office for the phone number or address for these members of our church family.*

SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Today, February 16th:	10:00 AM	6th Sunday After The Epiphany
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday, February 18 th :	7:00 PM	Choir
Wednesday, February 19 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Saturday, February 22 nd :	10 AM-3 PM	Fishin' Fun Club
Sunday, February 23 rd :	8:30 AM	Rockfish Band Practice
	10:00 AM	Fishin' Fun Club Sunday

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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