

*Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church*

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LUKE

**Luke mentions women
by name more often than
all of the other Gospels.**

*Join us in worship this week
as we learn more about women's
involvement in the ministry of Jesus!*

**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."*

2nd Sunday in Lent

“Simon, Do You See This Woman?”

March 5th, 2023

Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5,13-17; Psalm 121 (UMH 844); Luke 7:36-39, 8:1-3, and 10:38-42

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Prelude

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

UMH # 121

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| <p>1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in God’s justice,
which is more than liberty.</p> <p>3. For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.</p> | <p>2. There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.</p> <p>4. If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God’s word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.</p> |
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* Call to Worship:

Rejoice, favored ones! The Lord is with you.

We are the servants of the Lord.

Happy are you who believe the Lord’s promises.

With all our hearts, we glorify the Lord. In our very depths we rejoice in God our Savior.

From now on, everyone will call us highly favored.

The mighty one has done great things for us.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Spirit of help and hope, be with us this day. Breathe into our prayers and praise. Breathe into our spirits. Breathe into our worship with your promise of help, your promise of rebirth, and your

promise of blessing. In faith and trust, 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

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

Scriptures

Genesis 12:1-4a

pg. 10

*12*Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

pp. 154-155

*4*What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Choir

*** Psalter**

Psalm 121

UMH # 844

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come?

²**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved, the LORD who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴**Behold, the One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵The LORD is your keeper;

the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not smite you by day,

nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil, and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.**

*** 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.

*** Gospel**

Luke 7:36-39, 8:1-3, 10:38-42

pp. 66-67, 72

³⁶*One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner."*

⁸*Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, ²as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.*

³⁸*Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But 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." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. 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

“Simon, Do You See This Woman?”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

* Hymn of Response

“The First One Ever”

UMH # 276

1. The first one ever, oh, ever to know
of the birth of Jesus was the maid Mary,
was Mary the maid of Galilee,
and blessed is she, is she who believes.
Oh, blessed is she who believes in the Lord,
oh, blessed is she who believes.
She was Mary the Maid of Galilee,
and blessed is she, is she who believes.
2. The first one ever, oh, ever to know
of Messiah, Jesus, when he said, “I am he,”
was the Samaritan woman who drew from the well,
and blessed is she, is she who perceives.
Oh, blessed is she who perceives the Lord,
oh, blessed is she who perceives.
‘Twas the Samaritan woman who drew from the well,
and blessed is she, is she who perceives.
3. The first ones ever, oh, ever to know
of the rising of Jesus, his glory to be,
were Mary, Joanna, and Magdalene,
and blessed are they, are they who see.
Oh, blessed are they who see the Lord,
oh, blessed are they who see.
They were Mary, Joanna, and Magdalene,
and blessed are they, are they who see.

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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; as well as for those on the front lines. Please let us know of other prayer concerns and needs.

Pastoral Prayer

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 Keep Me Near the 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.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A Service of Word and Table III

UMH # 15-16

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth.

When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people. When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join

their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 Breaking of the Bread and Offering of the Cup and Sharing in the Feast

I invite all of you here in the sanctuary and those of you at home to take and receive now.

The Body of Christ.

The Blood of Christ.

Amen.

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The Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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*** Closing Hymn**

“We Meet You, O Christ”

UMH # 257

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| <p>1. We meet you, O Christ, in many a guise;
your image we see in simple and wise.
You live in a palace, exist in a shack;
we see you, the gardener, a tree on your back.</p> <p>3. We hear you, O man, in agony cry;
for freedom you march, in riots you die.
Your face in the papers we read and we see.
The tree must be planted by human decree.</p> | <p>2. In millions alive, away and abroad;
involved in our life you live down the road.
Imprisoned in systems, you long to be free;
we see you, Lord Jesus, still bearing your tree.</p> <p>4. You choose to be made at one with the earth;
the dark of the grave prepares for your birth.
Your death is your rising, creative your word;
the tree springs to life and our hope is
restored.</p> |
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*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”



Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Dave Baker, 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, 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, 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,
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:

OIAM Volunteer Registration Deadline!

10:00 am

2nd Sunday in Lent Worship w/ Choir

**This Week's Lenten Sermon Series Title:
"Simon, Do You See This Woman?"**

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 pm

VCU On-Site Mobile Health & Wellness

Saturday, March 11th:

10:00 am



Fishin' Fun Club Winter Review
& Summer Planning Meeting

Sunday, March 12th:

Daylight Savings Time Begins: Set Clocks Ahead 1 Hour

8:45 am

Glory Ringers Rehearsal

10:00 am

3rd Sunday in Lent Worship

This Week's Lenten Sermon Series Title:
"Parables from the Underside"

11:15 am

Sunday School: In-person only

Monday, March 13th:

7:00 pm

Called Charge Conference via Zoom



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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