

*Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church*

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*“I have come
seeking fruit
on this fig tree ...”*

Luke 13:7, ESV



*“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

Third Sunday In Lent

“Unless You Change Your Hearts”

March 23, 2025

Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

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Prelude

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

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

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.
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.
3. For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
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.

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* Call To Worship

The table is set. The banquet is laid.

Our souls hunger and thirst for God.

Our gracious host welcomes us here.

God’s steadfast love is better than life.

Sing for joy in the shadow of God’s wings.

We have come to praise the living God.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord of overflowing abundance,
we praise you with joyful lips

and bless you with uplifted hands.
When our souls are parched,
you offer us wine and milk without price
and satisfy our hunger.
Guard us when we stand for what is right,
and save us from the time of trial,
that we may be worthy disciples of your Son,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

**Merciful God, when we suffer thirst,
you refresh us with the waters of life.
When we set our jaws and lose our cool,
you heal our hardness of heart.
Help us abide in your steadfast love,
both now and forevermore. 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 55:1-9

pg. 685

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Scripture**1 Corinthians 10:1-13****pg. 172**

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem**“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”****Glory Ringers**

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*** Psalter****Psalm 63****UMH #788**

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
 my soul thirsts for you;
 my flesh faints for you,
 as in a dry and weary land where no water is.

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
 beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life,
 my lips will praise you.

**So I will bless you as long as I live;
 I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat,
 and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
 when I think of you upon my bed,
 and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
**for you have been my help,
 and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**
My soul clings to you;

your right hand upholds me.

But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;
**they shall be given over to the power of the sword,
they shall be prey for jackals.**

But the king shall rejoice in God;
**all who swear in God's name shall glory;
but the mouths of liars will be stopped.**

*** 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 13:1-9

pg. 76

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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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

"Unless You Change Your Hearts"

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

UMH #396

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.
3. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,

above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, though guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

***Affirmation of Faith**

UMH # 884

**We believe in the one God,
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**
**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**
**We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.**
**We believe in the Word of God
contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**
**We believe in the church,
those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.**
**We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.**
**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
and in the life everlasting. 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. . 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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

UMH #895

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

"Amazing Grace"

*** 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**

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

UMH #357

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6. Just as I am, thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

"God Of Grace And God Of Glory"

Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Lee Black, Eddie Bliss, Faye Brooks, Nancy Brumfield, the family of Neill Caldwell, Evy Campbell, Lynn Coates, Bill Hendricks, Cindy Huber, Rick Humphries, Richard Ledbetter, the family of Bill Loser, the family of Lois Nix, Jack Robertson, Cathy Short, Colin Smith, Jack Titmus, Bryan Wachsmuth, Barbara Watkins, and Jack Henry Whitaker. 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, Barbara Brooks, Jean Edwards, 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, March 23rd:	10:00 AM	Third Sunday In Lent
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Wednesday, March 26 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, March 30 th :	10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday In Lent
	11:15 AM	Potluck Lunch

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.

Pastor: The Reverend Rebecca L. Minor, Cell Phone: (757) 870-8265

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Pastor's Office Hours: Tue - Thu: 9 am – 2 pm