

Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church

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TRINITY SUNDAY

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

Romans 8:16-17, 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

Trinity Sunday

“Understanding In The Mystery”

May 26, 2024

Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

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Prelude

“Morning Has Broken”

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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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

UMH #64

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

* Call to Worship:

Who is like our God in glory and strength?

The voice of the Lord thunders over the waters.

Who is like the Lord in power and might?

The voice of God breaks the mighty cedars.

Who is like the Holy One in awe and wonder?

The voice of the Almighty shakes the wilderness.

God sits enthroned as King forever.

Worship God in holy splendor.

Come! Let us worship the Lord.

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Your spirit calls us here, O God,
to behold the glory of your majesty and power.

For adopting us into your family
and making us heirs with Christ,
we thank you.

For freeing us from the failings of the flesh,
that we may be born anew
with water and the Spirit,
we praise you. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

**God of power and might,
we long to proclaim your glory
with seraphs and angels,
yet your holiness is more than we can bear.**

**We yearn to feel worthy of your calling,
but often feel naked and lost
when confronted with your majesty.**

**Touch our mouths with coal from your sacred fire,
for we are a people with unclean lips
and long to be made clean.**

**Above all, heal our shut up hearts, O God,
that we may say with the prophet Isaiah,
“Here I am, send me.” 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

See Insert

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

Isaiah 6:1-8

pg. 635

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Scripture

Romans 8:12-17

pg. 158

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross”

The Glory Ringers

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***Psalter**

Psalm 29

UMH #761

Response: With joy the Lord of Hosts proclaim; extol the great almighty name.

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Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, upon many waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful,
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

R

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars,
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

The Lord makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness,
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forests bare;

and in his temple, all cry, “Glory!”

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as Ruler for ever.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

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.*

*** Gospel**

John 3:1-17

pg. 93

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly

things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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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

“Understanding In The Mystery”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Wash, O God, Our Sons And Daughters”

UMH #605

1. Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart’s delight.

2. We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

3. O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

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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, 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

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

“Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring/Ode To Joy”

*** 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**

“To God Be The Glory”

UMH #98

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!
2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,

to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

*** Benediction**

“Alleluia, Amen”

***UMH 901**

Alleluia, amen, amen.

*** Postlude**

“The Solid Rock”

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Wright Andrews, Eddie Bliss, Bob Burke, Faye Brooks, George Croxton, Tinker Fornash, Roxanne Griffith, Madeline Hawkins, Bill Hendricks, Lauma Hill, Cindy Huber, Betty Gregory, Shirley Johnson, Carolyn Lewis, Ron Lucas, Tawana Murry, Leslie Shaver, The family of Mary Lou Simpson, Chuck & Olivia Wachsmuth, and Betty Whitten. 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, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan during this time of war.

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

SSGT Jonathan Simpson, SA Ethan Minor, Will Hollins at Marine Boot Camp

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jim Climaldi, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer,
Carol Nicholas, Edna Parrish 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, May 26th:	10:00 AM	Trinity Sunday
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday, May 28 th :	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 29 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, June 2 nd :	10:00 AM	2nd 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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