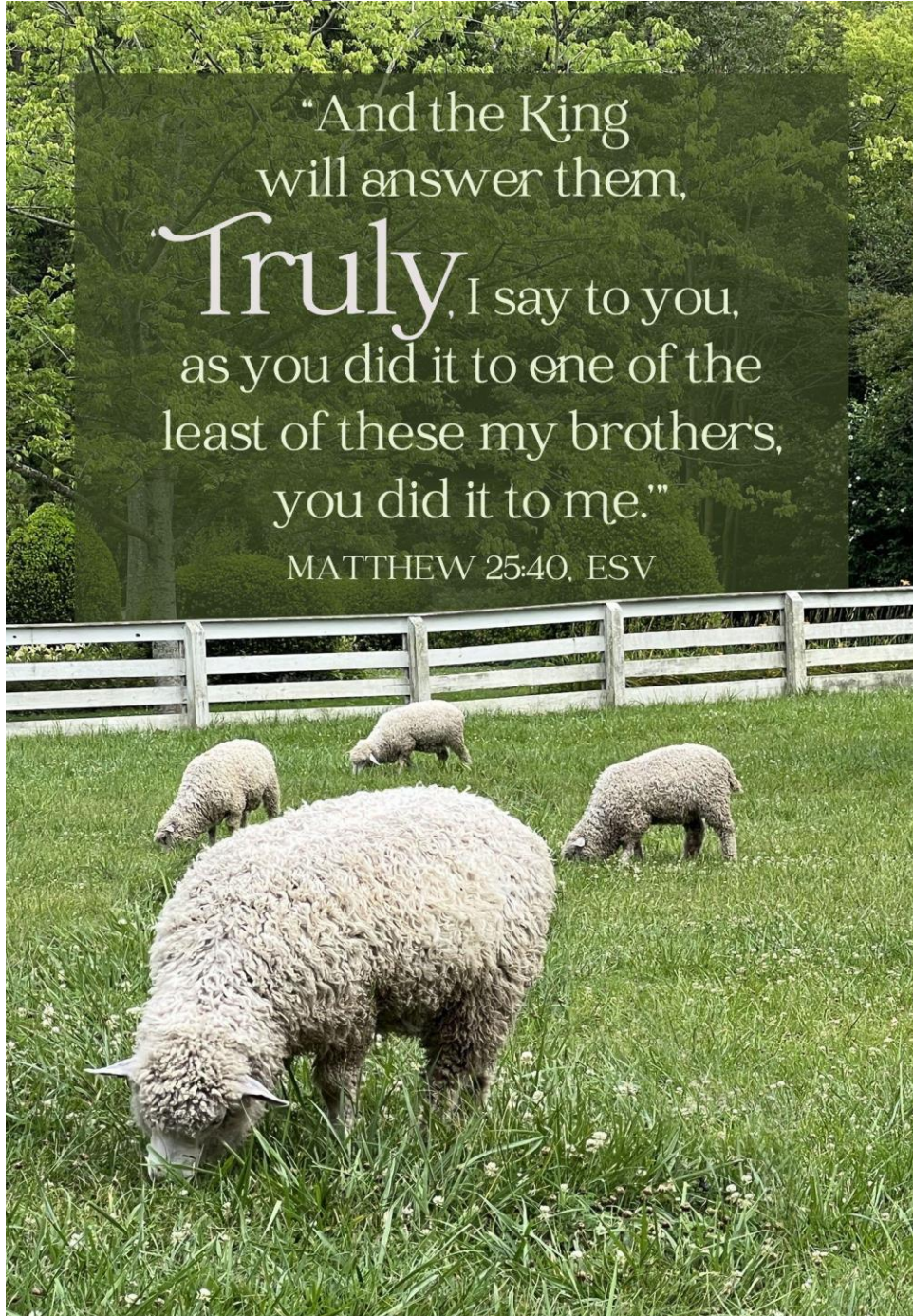


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“And the King  
will answer them,  
**Truly**, I say to you,  
as you did it to one of the  
least of these my brothers,  
you did it to me.”

MATTHEW 25:40, 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

## Christ The King Sunday

“When Was It?”

November 26, 2023

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

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### Prelude

#### “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

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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](mailto: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

#### “In The Garden”

UMH# 314

1. I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,  
and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Song of God discloses.  
And he walks with me and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;  
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.
2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.  
And he walks with me and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;  
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.
3. I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,  
but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.  
And he walks with me and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;  
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

### \* Call to Worship:

Make a joyful noise, a noise of service and love.

**Praise God with lives of compassion.**

Sing with acts of kindness.

**Glorify God with acts of mercy.**

Praise God with works of justice.

**Praise God with overflowing love.**

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### \* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

God of grace and God of glory,  
    reveal yourself through our lives and our love.  
Shine your wisdom through our lives and our love.  
Help us know the hope to which we are called,  
    that we may be the servants you craft us to be.  
In your glory and grace, we pray. Amen.

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### Prayer of Yearning

**Glorious God, shine the light of your love  
    in the lives of those who need it most.  
May we see your glory reflected in them  
    and be reminded to shine your light  
    for all to see.**

**Speak to us through cries for help,  
    that we may hear and respond with compassion.**

**Reveal yourself in the lost and the lonely,  
    that we may be fully present to their needs.**

**For we yearn to notice you in our everyday living.  
We long to set aside our fear and love courageously.**

**We hope with every fiber of our being  
    to act as servants of your peace. 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

**Pastor Becca**

#### Scriptures

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

**pg. 803**

*<sup>11</sup>For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in*

*all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.*

## **Scriptures**

## **Ephesians 1:15-23**

**pg. 192**

*<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Anthem**

## **“Simple Gifts”/”This Is My Father’s World”**

## **Glory Ringers**

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## **Recognition of Persons in Choir Music Ministry**

Dear Friends, let us recognize those who have responded to the call of God to the ministry of choir music in the church. To sing is a ministry of Christ among us.

**Betty Whitten**

**Bonnie Harding**

**Diane Sisson**

**Mae Lynne Guest**

**Peyton Guest**

**Russell Riles**

Making music to the praise of God in the congregation is a ministry that requires devotion and discipline. You have accepted the responsibility of choir music ministry and have been faithful to the disciplines of music. The faith expressed by your music has lived in your hearts, and what you believe in your hearts has been practiced in your life. God has given you grace to offer your music and your life in faithfulness and consecration, now, and in the world to come.

Dear friends, we recognize these persons. They have been given the ministry of choir music in the church. We have sustained them with our encouragement and our prayers, as together we seek to offer praise to God. **We thank you!**

**Oh Lord, our God, bless this ministry of music and those who have offered them in your service. We give prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude for these persons, as they have given love for you and your people, fullness of hearts as they praise you and diligence that their music may be a worthy offering to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Congregational Hymn**

**Amazing Grace, v. 1 & 6**

**UMH # 378**

1. Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

**\*Psalter Reading**

**Psalm 100**

**UMH pg. 821**

**R: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

**R**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**Serve the Lord with gladness!**

**Come into God's presence with singing!**

Know the Lord, who made us, is God.

**We are the Lord's;**

**we are the people of God,**

**the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,  
and God's courts with praise.

**Give thanks and bless God's name!**

For the Lord is good;

**God's steadfast love endures for ever;**

**God's faithfulness to all generations.**

**R**

**\* 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**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

**pg. 29**

*<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we*

*saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”*

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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**

**“When Was It?”**

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

### **\* Hymn of Response**

**“Be Still, My Soul”**

**UMH # 534**

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future, as in ages past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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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 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](http://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**

#### ***“Rejoice The Lord Is King”***

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#### **\* Doxology**

*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**

***“When Love Is Found”***

**UMH #643**

1. When Love is found and home comes home,  
sing and be glad that two are one.  
When love explodes and fills the sky,  
praise God and share our Maker’s joy.
2. When love has flowered in trust and care,  
build both each day, that love may dare  
to reach beyond home’s warmth and light,  
to serve and strive for truth and right.
3. When love is tried as loved ones change,  
hold still to hope though all seems strange,  
till ease returns, and love grows wise  
through listening ears and opened eyes.
4. When love is torn and trust betrayed,  
pray strength to love till torments fade,  
till lovers keep no score of wrong,  
but hear through pain love’s Easter song.
5. Praise God for love, praise God for life,  
in age or youth, in husband, wife.  
Lift up your hearts, let love be fed  
through death and life in broken bread.

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**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

***“Showers Of Blessings”***

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**Thank you for joining us in worship!**



## PRAYER LIST

Wright Andrews, Eddie Bliss, the family of Lois Bonhouse, Royce Burrus, Woody Campbell, Roxanne Griffith, Susie Hardwick, Maurice Hawa, Madeline Hawkins, the family of Jessica Hayes, Bill Hendricks, Lauma Hill, Cindy Huber, Betty Gregory, Carolyn Lewis, Bill Loser, Ron Lucas, Ray Massie, Mary Lou Simpson, George Wells 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, 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:** SSGT Jonathan Simpson. SA Ethan Minor while at Navy Advanced Schooling.

### PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jim Climaldi, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer,  
Don and 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

<b>Today:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Christ The King Sunday</b>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Chrismon Tree Decorating</b>
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	10:00 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

*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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