

*Tappahannock Memorial  
United Methodist Church*

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*“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

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

### “Sinners, Outcasts, And The Poor”

March 17, 2024

JEreemiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 4:1-26

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#### Prelude

#### “How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”

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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

#### “Change My Heart, O God”

TFWS #2152

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

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#### \* Call to Worship:

Are you feeling tired and worn out?

**Call on the name of the Lord.**

Are mistakes from the past weighing you down?

**Come to the fount of living water.**

Are you the person you wish to be?

**Seek God’s help and it shall be granted.**

Are you looking for a better path?

**Ask Christ to show you the way.**

Come! Let us worship.

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#### \* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Our souls are troubled, Holy One,

Until they find their rest in you.

When we live in fear of our mortality,

Help us face the future unafraid.  
Write the truth of Christ's words on our hearts:  
"Unless a grain of wheat  
Falls into the earth and dies,  
It can only be a single seed.  
But if it dies, it bears much fruit."

In our living and in our dying,  
Draw us together with all your people. Amen.

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### **Prayer of Yearning**

**Engraver of the human heart,  
we long for your law of love to burst forth  
with every beat of our hearts.**

**Work within us this day,  
that the majesty of your love  
may shine through us  
in everything we say and do.**

**Put a new and right spirit within us, O Lord,  
that we may leave our failings behind  
and embrace the glory of our salvation,  
through Christ, our Lord. 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**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**pg. 735**

*<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.*

#### **Scripture**

**Hebrews 5:5-10**

**pg. 220**

*<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to*

him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

**"Sweet Hour Of Prayer"**

**Glory Ringers**

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**\*Psalter**

**Psalm 51 (resp 2)**

**UMH #785**

**Response: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**R**

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!

**For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you only, have I sinned,  
and done that which is evel in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless in your judgment.

**Behold, I was born into iniquity,  
and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.**

**R**

Behold, you desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;**

Make me hear with joy and gladness;  
let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

**R**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways,**

**and sinners will return to you.**

Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

**O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall show forth your praise.**

For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;  
a broken spirit and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. 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 4:1-26**

**pg. 94**

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” <sup>2</sup>—although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized—<sup>3</sup>he left Judea and started back to Galilee.

<sup>4</sup>But he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?” <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

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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**

**“Sinners, Outcasts, And The Poor”**

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

## **\* Hymn of Response**

**“Make Me A Servant”**

**TFWS #2176**

Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
make me a servant today.

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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 for all those impacted by: war – especially the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine, and Sudan; 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**

**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](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**

### ***“Passacaglia”***

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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.*

## **\* Closing Hymn**

### ***“Song Of Hope”***

**TFWS #2186**

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

## **\* Benediction**

### ***“Three-Fold Amen”***

**\*UMH 898**

Amen, amen, amen.

## **\* Postlude**

### ***“Praise Him! Praise Him!”***

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

## PRAYER LIST

The family of Jennifer Amirault, Wright Andrews, the family of Betty Ball, Eddie Bliss, Bob Burke, Faye Brooks, Woody Campbell, George Croxton, family of Eduardo, Roxanne Griffith, Madeline Hawkins, the family of Marcus Henderson, Bill Hendricks, Lauma Hill, Cindy Huber, the family of Sue Goerger, Betty Gregory, Shirley Johnson, Carolyn Lewis, Bill Loser, Ron Lucas, Scott Pope, 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:** SSGT Jonathan Simpson, SA Ethan Minor

### 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>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>
Sunday, March 24 <sup>th</sup> :	10:00 AM	Palm 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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