

*Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church*

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AGAIN IT IS WRITTEN,

'YOU SHALL

NOT

PUT THE LORD

YOUR GOD

TO THE TEST.'

MATTHEW 4:7, 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.”*

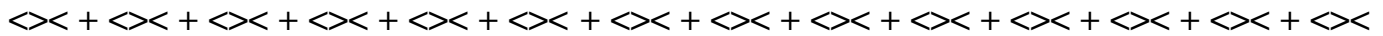
Tappahannock Memorial UMC

1st Sunday in Lent

“Baptism & Temptation”

February 18, 2024

Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-11; Matthew 4:1-11



Prelude

“Give Me Jesus”

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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, with your attendance information.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

* Opening Hymn

“Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days”

UMH #269

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
2. As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.
3. As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.
4. And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide,
yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.
5. Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

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* Call to Worship:

Bring your lives, full of sorrow and joy.

Bring yourselves, full of hope and despair.

Come in your brokenness, ready for fullness of life.

Stay in your weakness, ready to receive strength and the power of God.

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Source of Hope, bring us into the presence of hope.

Inspire us with the strength of faith.

Show us with the waters of mercy and grace,

That our hope may be renewed

As we learn to trust your promise and love.

Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

Merciful God, you know the worries

And the doubts that fill our lives.

Strengthen our faith and inspire our trust.

Show us with your mercy and grace,

That we may embrace the fullness of life and love,

Through the power of your Holy Spirit

And the mercy of Jesus, the Christ. 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

Genesis 9:8-17

pg. 7

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Scripture**1 Peter 3:18-22****pg. 234**

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem**“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”****Choir*****Psalter****Psalm 25:1-10****UMH #756**

Response: Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.

R

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust,

Let me not be put to shame;

Let not my enemies exult over me.

Let none that wait for you be put to shame;

Let them be ashamed who are clothed with treachery.

Make me know your ways, O Lord;

Teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

For you are the God of my salvation;

For you I wait all the day long.

R

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,

For they have been from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions;

According to your steadfast love remember me,

For the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord;

Therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the way,

And leads the humble in what is right,

And teaches them their way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

For those who keep the lord’s covenant and testimonies.

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**

Mark 1:9-11

pg. 34

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Matthew 4:1-11

pg. 3

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on 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

"Baptism And Temptation"

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

"As The Deer"

TFWS #2025

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

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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 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

**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 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

"Sweet Hour Of Prayer"

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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**

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

TFWS #2112

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley; he had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;
he had to walk it by himself.
2. We must walk this lonesome valley; we have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
we have to walk it by ourselves.
3. You must go and stand your trial; you have to stand it by yourself.
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;
you have to stand it by yourself.

*** Benediction**

“Three-Fold Amen”

***UMH 898**

Amen, amen, amen.

*** Postlude**

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

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PRAYER LIST

Family of Michelle Allison, Wright Andrews, Eddie Bliss, Bob Burke, Faye Brooks, Royce Burruss, Woody Campbell, George Croxton, Roxanne Griffith, Maurice Hawa, Madeline Hawkins, the family of Marcus Henderson, Bill Hendricks, Lauma Hill, Cindy Huber, Betty Gregory, Shirley Johnson, Carolyn Lewis, Bill Loser, Ron Lucas, the family of Kathy Powell, the family of Tom Shroeder, Mary Lou Simpson, 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, 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

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

Today:	10:00 AM	First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 25 th :	10:00 AM	Second Sunday in Lent

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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