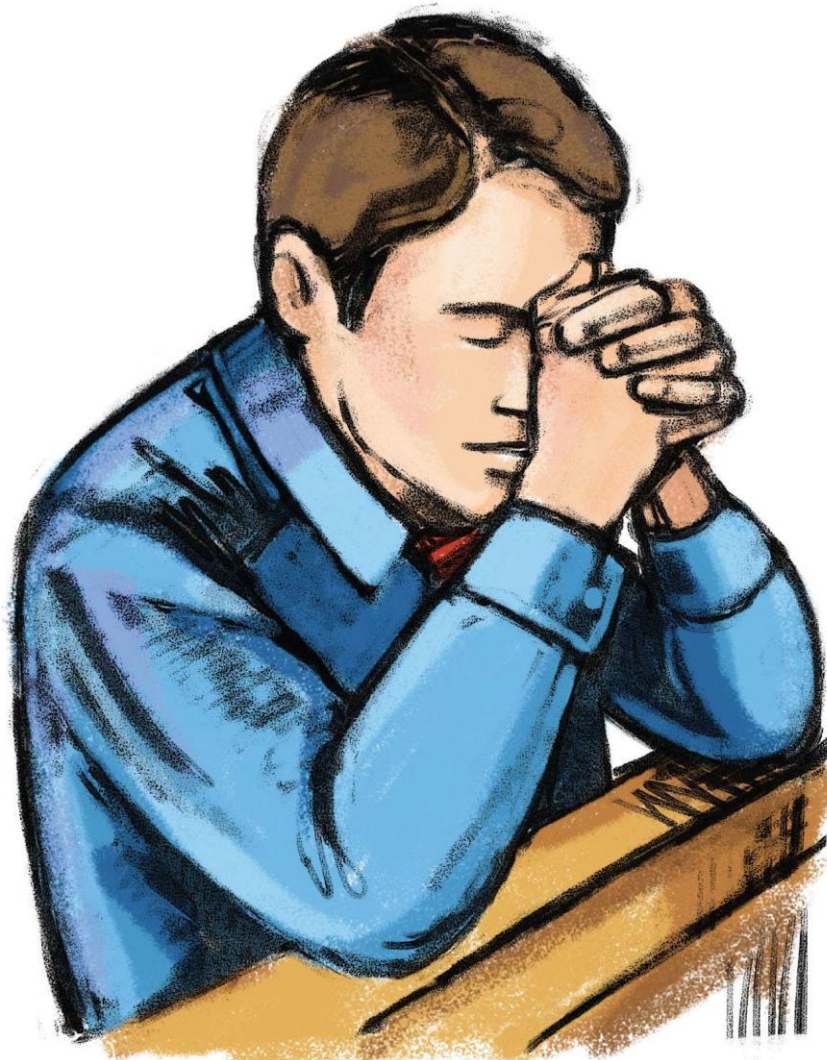


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**Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!**

Job 23:3, NRSV

*“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

Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost

“Where Is God?”

October 13, 2024

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

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Prelude

“All In All”

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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

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

UMH #103

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

* Call to Worship

Where do we turn when our cries go unanswered?

Where do we turn when we feel forsaken and alone?

We search for God before and behind us, but God is not there.

We search for God above and beneath us, but come away empty.

Yet even now, we will commit ourselves to God.

Even now, we will put our trust in the Lord.

Come! Let us worship.

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Elusive One, be near us in our need.

For we are poured out like water

and our hearts melt like wax within us.

You have watched over us since our birth

as a mother watches over her children.

Come to us swiftly and be with us now,

for the darkness threatens and the light fades.

Help us in our weakness

and touch us with your mercy and your grace.

Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

You set before us the ways of life and death, O God.

Help us keep to your path

when the road is hard and the cost seems high.

We yearn to touch your perfect love,

if only it didn't mean giving up on our comfort and our privilege.

We long to love you with perfect devotion,

but we are loathe to alter our selfish ways.

Lift us beyond the empty shells of our shut-up hearts

and help us find our way home.

For in your love, all things are possible. 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**Job 23:1-9, 16-17****pg. 471**

¹Then Job answered: ²“Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. ³Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! ⁴I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. ⁵I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. ⁶Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. ⁷There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. ⁸“If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; ⁹on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

¹⁶God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; ¹⁷If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

Scripture**Hebrews 4:12-16****pg. 220**

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem**“For The Beauty Of The Earth”****Glory Ringers**

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*** Psalter****Psalm 22:1-18** (*Sung response 2*)**UMH #756**

R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

My god, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you, the praise of Israel,

are enthroned in holiness.

In you our forebears trusted,

they trusted and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved;

in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

R

But I am a worm, and not human;

scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me,
they make mouths at me, they wag their heads;
“He committed his cause to the Lord;
let the Lord deliver him.
Let the lord rescue him,
for the Lord delights in him!”
Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
Upon you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me, you have been my God.
Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is none to help.

R

Many bulls encompass me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
They open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
I am poured out like water
And all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax,
it is melted within my breast;
my mouth is dried up like a potsherd;
and my tongue cleaves to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
Indeed, dogs surround me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—
I can count all my bones—
They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them,
and for my raiment, they cast lots.

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 10:17-31

pg. 46

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away

grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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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

“Where Is God?”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

UMH #474

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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*** Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

UMH #880

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

**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.**

UMH #895

**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

“He Touched Me”

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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**

“Love The Lord”

W&S #3116

1. Love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.
Love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength.
Love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.
I will love you. I will love you. I will praise you.
2. I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, and with all my strength.
I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, and with all my strength.
With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength.
I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, and with all my strength.
I will serve you. I will serve you. I will trust you.

I will trust you. With all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, with all my strength.
I will love you, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, and with all my strength.

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*** Benediction**

“Alleluia, Amen”

UMH #901

Alleluia, amen, amen.

*** Postlude**

“Shall We Gather At The River”

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

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MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

SSGT Jonathan Simpson

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, October 13th:	10:00 AM	21st Sunday After Pentecost
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday, October 15 th :	7:00 PM	Choir
Wednesday, October 16 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Saturday, October 19 th :	9AM-1PM	Tappahannock Farmers Market
Sunday, October 20 th :	10:00 AM	22 nd 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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