

*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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

“Calming The Storm”

March 10, 2024

Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; Mark 4:35-41

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Prelude

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Joanne Ruffa & Beth Harvey

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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

“This Is The Day”

UMH #657

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.

Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.

Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

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* Call to Worship:

The goodness of God beckons,

calling us to goodness and grace.

The grace of God redeems,

saving us and making us whole.

The love of God welcomes,

inviting us to worship and praise.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of goodness and grace,

gather us in your arms of love.

Gather us as people of your goodness and grace.

Gather us in worship and prayer,
that we may be strengthened
with faith and courage.

Gather us as those who are eager to live
and to share your goodness and grace. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

**Gracious God, lift up our hearts this day,
for we long to see your salvation.**

**Lift us up from the pits of sin and sorrow,
that we may walk in the light
of your love and grace.**

**Create us anew as reflections of your light
and as offerings of your grace.**

**For we yearn to bless everyone we meet,
even ourselves, in your name.**

In hope and gratitude, we pray. 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

Numbers 21:4-9

pg. 139

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Scripture

Ephesians 2:1-10

pg. 192

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are

disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Oh How He Loves You And Me”

Choir

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***Psalter**

Psalm 107

UMH #830

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for steadfast love, for all God’s wonderful works.

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O give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
whose steadfast love endures for ever!

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in the desert wastes,
finding no way to a city in which to dwell;

**hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.**

Then in their trouble, they cried to the Lord,
who delivered them from their distress,

**and led them by a straight way,
till they reached a city in which to dwell.**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

**For the Lord satisfies those who are thirst,
and fills the hungry with good things.**

R

The Lord turns rivers into a desert,
springs of water into thirsty ground,
**a fruitful land into a salty waste,
because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.**

The Lord turns a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water.

The Lord lets the hungry dwell there,

and they establish a city in which to live;
they sow fields, and plant vineyards,
and get a fruitful yield.

**They multiply greatly by the blessing of the Lord
who does not let their cattle decrease.** R

When they are diminished and brought low
through oppression, trouble, and sorrow,
the Lord pours contempt upon princes
and makes them wander in trackless wastes;
**but the Lord raises up the needy of out affliction,
and makes their families like flocks.**

The upright see it and are glad;
and all wickedness stops its mouth.
**Whoever is wise, give heed to these things;
consider the steadfast love of the Lord.** 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 4:35-41

pg. 39

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey 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

"Calming The Storm"

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

"Eternal Father, Strong To Save"

TFWS #2191

1. Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
2. O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

*** 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

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

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Joanne Ruffa & Beth Harvey

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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**

"Sweet Hour Of Prayer"

UMH #496

1. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

2. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! The joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

*** Benediction**

"Three-Fold Amen"

***UMH 898**

Amen, amen, amen.

*** Postlude**

"Blessed Assurance"

Joanne Ruffa & Beth Harvey

Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Wright Andrews, Eddie Bliss, Bob Burke, Faye Brooks, Woody Campbell, George Croxton, the family of Eduardo, Roxanne Griffith, Madeline Hawkins, the family of Marcus Henderson, Bill Hendricks, Lauma Hill, Cindy Huber, 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, 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	Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 17 th :	10:00 AM	Fifth 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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Pastor's Office Hours: Tue - Thu: 9 am – 2 pm