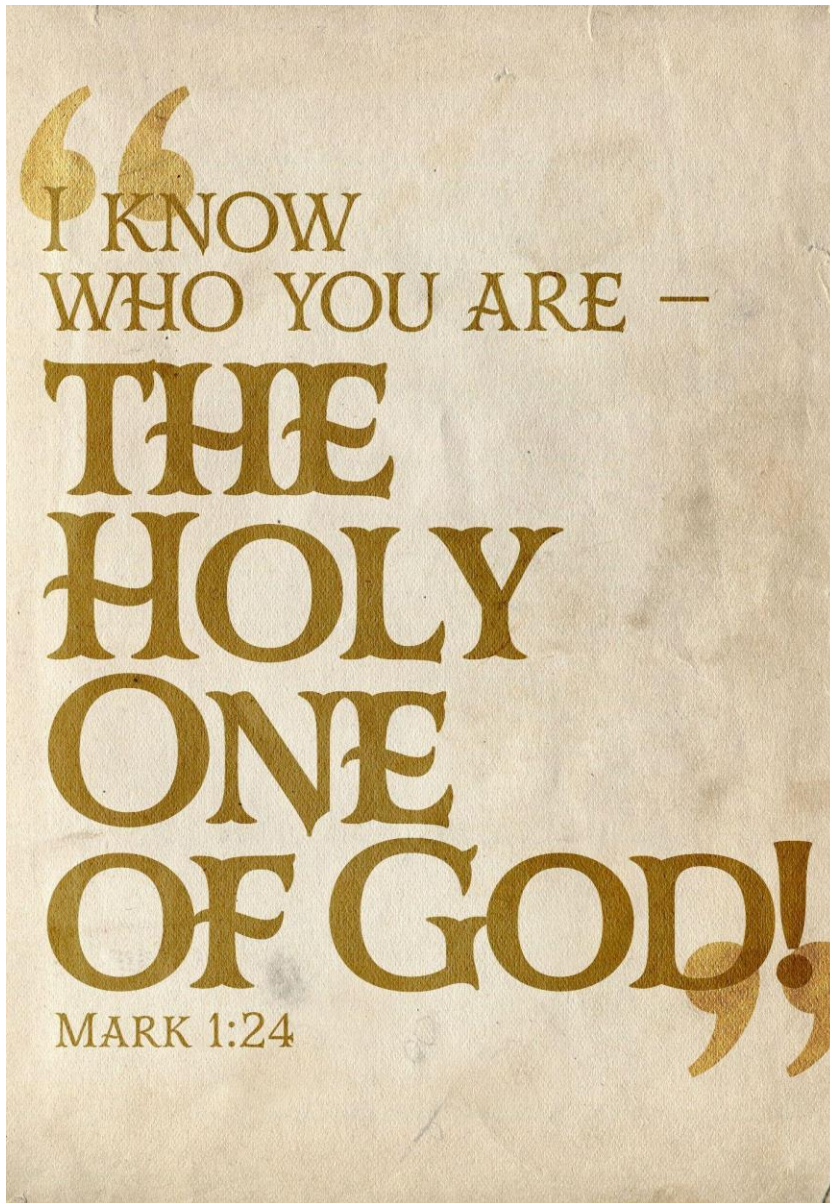


***Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church***

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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 after the Epiphany

“What Have You To Do With Us?”

January 28, 2024

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

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Prelude

“*Fill My Cup, Lord*”

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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

“*All Creatures Of Our God And King*”
(vs. 1,4,5)

UMH #62

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way, Alleluia! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God’s glory also show!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part, O praise ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Call to Worship:

Fount of Life, Glorious One,
your great works are full of honor and majesty:

the earth that we stand on,
the trees that shade us,
the birds that soar above us.

Ever-Living God, Generous One,
your goodness and faithfulness endure forever:

the wisdom we learn,

**the justice we long and work for,
the hope you offer.**

Sheltering God, Healing One,
you remember your covenant and its promises to us:

**the grace and mercy you give,
the healing you offer,
the tenderness you show to us.**

The works of your hands are faithful and just.
Your teachings are trustworthy and true.

Your praise endures forever! Amen.

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Faithful God, we stand in this congregation
to give thanks with our whole hearts,
for your works are great.

Your massive power upholds the universe,
and yet it is so intimate, it upholds our lives,
tiny in the scale of the galaxies.

You provide food for us and for all your creatures,
from goldfish to whales,
hummingbirds to eagles,
ants to elephants.

You nurture life in the seas,
yet watch over the deserts.

Your work is full of honor and majesty.

Thank you for being mindful of us all,
remembering your promises.

May your creative love and faithful power
endure forever. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

**Gracious God, when we speak of your great power,
the power that abounds in creation all around us,
we sometimes wonder if it is in our own lives.**

**We hear that you are faithful,
that you remember us and your promises,
yet there are places in our lives
that don't feel quite right.**

**We often wonder what you have to do with our lives,
especially in the places that hurt.**

**Help us trust your promised grace,
for we long to touch your healing 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

pg. 174

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Scriptures

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

pg. 171

¹I Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“This Is My Father’s World”

The Glory Ringers

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***Psalter**

Psalm 111

UMH #832

Response 2: Great are the works of the Lord, which abound to the ends of the earth.

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Praise the Lord.

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who have pleasure in them.

**Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord
whose righteousness endures for ever,**

who has caused his wonderful works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

**The Lord provides food for the faithful
and is ever mindful of his covenant.**

R

The Lord has shown his people the power of his works
by giving them the heritage of the nations.

**The works of the Lord’s hands are faithful and just;
the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy;**

**they are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

The Lord sent redemption to his people
and has commanded his covenant for ever.

Holy and wondrous is God’s name!

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.**

The praise of the Lord endures for ever.

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**

Mark 1:21-28

pg. 35

²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One

of God.”²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!”²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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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

“What Have You To Do With Us?”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Majesty”

UMH #176

Majesty, worship his majesty;
unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
flow from his throne, unto his own; his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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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 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

"His Eye is On the Sparrow"

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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**

“What A Mighty God We Serve”

TFWS #2021

1. What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve,
what a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve!
2. Let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord,
let us sing and praise the Lord, Let us sing and praise the Lord.
3. Let us shout and praise God’s name, let us shout and praise God’s name,
Let us shout and praise God’s name, Let us shout and praise God’s name!
4. What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve,
what a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve!

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*** Benediction**

“Alleluia, Amen”

***UMH 901**

Alleluia, amen, amen.

*** Postlude**

“To God Be The Glory”

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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

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| Today: | 10:00 AM | 4th Sunday After Epiphany |
| Sunday, February 4 th : | 10:00 AM | 5th Sunday After Epiphany |

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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