

***Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church***

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**"GIVE TO CAESAR
WHAT IS CAESAR'S,
AND TO GOD
WHAT IS GOD'S."**

MATTHEW 22:21, NIV



*“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

21st Sunday after Pentecost

“Ultimate Loyalty”

October 22, 2023

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99(819); 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

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Prelude

“Just As I Am”

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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

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

UMH # 400

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redreaming love.
2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious love,
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let the goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, for thy courts above.

* Call to Worship:

Come, Holy God, draw near.

We long to see you.

Come, God of justice, be present today.

We need your grace in our world.

Come in this hour.

Show us your love.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. .

Holy God, we long to sense your presence and be assured that you have drawn near. Awaken us with your love and grace and show us your possibilities for our lives. Assure us that we are not alone and that you walk with us always. For this we offer you our thanks and praise. Amen

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Prayer of Yearning

God of grace, though you are always present, you often feel distant. Our minds seek to limit your reality to things we can understand. Expand our imaginations, that we may see your kindness and grace at work in the world around us. When our work becomes a burden and our struggles seem pointless, save us from despair. Remind us to ground ourselves in faith and to reach out with hope and love, as we seek to live in your ways. 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

Scriptures

Exodus 33:12-23

pg. 80

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will

cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

pg. 203

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Glory Ringers

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***Psaltar**

Psalm 99

UMH # 819

- ¹ The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble!
The lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!
- ² **The Lord is great in Zion,
and is exalted over all the peoples.**
- ³ Let them praise your great and wonderful name!
Holy is the Lord!
- ⁴ Mighty Ruler, lover of justice,
You have established equity;
**you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵ Extol the Lord our God.

Worship at the Lord's footstool!

Holy is the Lord!

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among God's priests,

Samuel also was among those who called on God's name.

They cried to the Lord, who answered them,

⁷ **who spoke to them in the pillar of cloud.**

They kept God's testimonies,

and the statutes God gave them.

⁸ **O Lord, our God, you answered them;**

you were a forgiving God to them;

but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹ Extol the Lord our God,

And worship at his holy mountain,

Surely the Lord our God is holy!

*** 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**

Matthew 22:15-22

pg. 24-25

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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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

"Ultimate Loyalty"

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

* **Hymn of Response**

“More Precious Than Silver”

TWFS # 2065

1. Lord, you are more precious than silver. Lord, you are more costly than gold. Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds, and nothing I desire compares with you.

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* **Affirmation of Faith World Methodist Social Affirmation**

UMH # 886

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us,
who died and rose again;
and in the Holy Spirit,
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

**We believe;
God, help our unbelief.**

We rejoice in every sign of God's Kingdom;
in the upholding of human dignity and community;
in every expression of love, justice and reconciliation;
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
in the abundance of God's gifts
entrusted to us that all may have enough;
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

**Glory be to God on high;
and on earth, peace .**

We confess our sin, individual and collective,
by silence or action:
through the violation of human dignity
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;
through the exploitation of people
because of greed and indifference
through the misuse of power
in personal, communal, national, and international life;
through the search for security
by those military and economic forces
that threaten human existence;
through the abuse of technology
which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

**Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy .**

We commit ourselves individually and as a community
to the way of Christ:
to take up the cross;
to seek abundant life for all humanity;

to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,
praying that God's kingdom may come.

Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

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 and Russia; 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. Please let us know of other prayer concerns and needs.

The 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.
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

"We Are Travelers on a Journey"

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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**

“Step By Step”

W&S 3004

1. O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways; and step by step you'll leads me, and I will follow you all of my days.

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* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

“I Saw the Light”

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PRAYER LIST

Wright Andrews Eddie Bliss, Lois Bonhouse, Royce Burrus, Woody Campbell, Roxanne Griffith, Susie Hardwick, Maurice Hawa, Madeline Hawkins, the family of Jessica Hayes, Bill Hendricks, Lauma Hill, Cindy Huber, Betty Gregory, Carolyn Lewis, Bill Loser, Ron Lucas, Ray Massie, Nate Parker, the family of Eleanor Rehm, Mary Lou Simpson, the family of Bishop Thomas Stockton, 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, and Europe 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 while at Navy Advanced Schooling.

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jim Climaldi, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer,
Don and Carol Nicholas, Edna Parrish, Eleanor Rehm, 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	21st Sunday After Pentecost Worship Service
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, October 29 nd	10:00 AM	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service
		Laity/Fishin' Fun Club Sunday
	11:00 AM	Potluck Luncheon

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.

Pastor: The Reverend Rebecca L. Minor, Cell Phone: (757) 870-8265

Music Director: Kelly Wright; **Pianist:** Beth Harvey

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Pastor's Office Hours: Tue - Thu: 9 am – 2 pm