

***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

4th Sunday after Pentecost

“Who Is In Control?”

June 25, 2023

Genesis 21:8-21; Romans 6:1b-11; Psalm 85 (UMH 806); Matthew 10:24-39

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Prelude

“He Leadeth Me”

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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

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

UMH #129

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| 1. Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be undismayed. God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall life up thy head. | 2. Through waves and clouds and storms, God gently clears thy way; wait thou God’s time; so shall this night soon end in joyous day. |
| 3. Leave to God’s sovereign sway to choose and to command; so shalt thou, wondering, own that way, how wise, how strong this hand. | 4. Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare, and publish with our latest breath thy love and guardian care. |

* Call to Worship:

Incline your ear, O God. Hear the praises of your people.

Gladden the hearts of your servants, as we lift up our souls to you.

For you, O God, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

In the day of trouble we call on you, knowing you will answer.

Your people everywhere glorify your name.

For you are slow to anger, and abound in steadfast love.

Turn to us and be gracious.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Thank you, Loving Spirit, for the warmth of summer and for your invitation to embrace abundant life. Your promise of resurrection allows past troubles to die, as we rise with you to new life. Inspire us to follow your lead, even when it requires us to bear a cross of sacrifice in your name. May our love for you be complete, as we share words and acts of compassion with a world that yearns for your peace. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Loving God, lead us in ways that lead to life. Free us to love as completely as you love. Help us find our worth, not by lifting ourselves above others, but by accepting that we belong to you. May our fulfillment be found, not in what we hold onto, but in what we freely give in your name. Free us, dear God, to live without fear, following wherever your Spirit leads. In the spirit of Christ's compassion, 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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Children's Time

Scriptures

Genesis 21:8-21

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The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not

let me look on the death of the child.’ And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, ‘What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.’ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Romans 6:1b-11

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What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“The Fruits of the Spirit”

Choir

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*** Psalter**

Psalm 85

UMH # 806

- 1 Lord you showed favor to your land;
You restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 **You forgave the iniquity of your people;**
You pardoned all their sin.
- 3 You withdrew all your wrath;
You turned from your hot anger.
- 4 **Restore us again, O God of our salvation,**
And put away your indignation toward us!
- 5 Will you be angry with us forever?

- Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
6 Will you not revive us again,
That your people may rejoice in you?
7 **Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
And grant us your salvation.**
8 Let me hear what God will speak,
For the Lord will speak peace to his people,
To his faithful, to those who turn to the Lord in their hearts.
9 **Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord,
That glory may dwell in our land.**
10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
11 **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**
12 The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
13 **Righteousness will go before the Lord,
And make God's footsteps a way.**

* **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 10:24–39

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‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow

me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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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

“Who Is In Control?”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“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!

*** 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 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.

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

“Standing on the Promises”

Glory Ringers

*** 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**

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

UMH # 365

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. **R**
2. Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross. **R**
3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can avail to wash it away? Look! There is flowing a crimson tide, brighter than snow you may be today. **R**
4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe! You that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? **R**

REFRAIN

Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

“To God Be The Glory”



Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Bill Black, Eddie Bliss, Susie Hardwick, Madeline Hawkins, Bill Hendricks, Josh Hodges, Cindy Huber, the family of Christine Jones, Carolyn Lewis, Bill Loser, Ray Massie, Dakota Minor, Yvonne Minor, Josiah Parker, Nate Parker, 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, 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 DEPLOYMENTS: SSGT Jonathan Simpson. Ethan Minor at Navy bootcamp.

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	4th Sunday After Pentecost Worship Service
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Thursday:	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	VCU On-Site Mobile Health & Wellness
Sunday, July 2 nd :	10:00 AM	5 th Sunday after Pentecost Worship

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