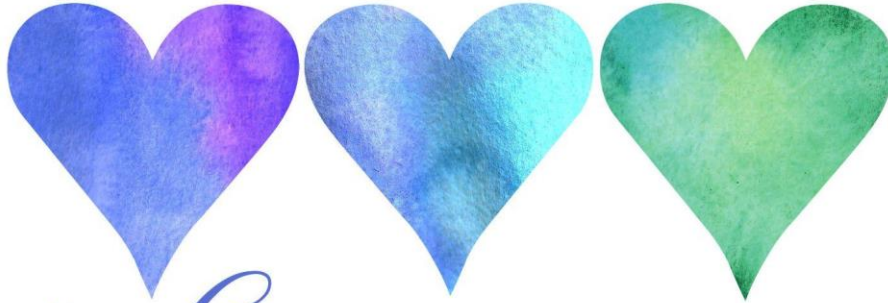


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*“Love
each other
as I have
loved you.”*

JOHN 15:12, 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

“The Power Of Love”

May 5, 2024

Acts 10:44-48; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

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Prelude

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

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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

“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

UMH #557

1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love,
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.
2. Before our Father’s throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.
3. We share each other’s woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.
4. When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

* Call to Worship:

Sing to our God a new song,

for God has done wondrous things.

The Holy One’s might is not found in destruction,

but in steadfast love and constant faithfulness.

These gifts are not for us alone,

they are for one and all.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Break forth into songs of praise.

Let all creation praise the Lord.

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of Love, let your Holy Spirit come upon us—
into our hearts,
into our minds,
and into our souls.

Let your presence speak within us—
in the languages we speak,
in the ways we live and have our being.

For we long to hear you, Gracious One,
and to understand.

We pray that you would abide in us,
that we may abide in you,
this day and all days. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

**O God, you are bigger than the world,
bigger than our fears,
bigger even than our folly.**

**We are grateful for the immensity of your love,
even when it sometimes scares us.**

**When the immensity of your love frightens us,
we long to return to you in hope.**

**When we want to make you smaller—
small enough that we can hold you—
help us see beyond our narrow vision.**

**Remind us again, O God,
that you will always find and hold us,
for your heart is big enough,
to hold the whole world, including us.**

**Teach us once more that we will always grow
when we love others as we love you. 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

Acts 10:44-48

pg. 130

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Scripture

1 John 5:1-6

pg. 241

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Love One Another”

Choir

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*Psalter

Psalm 98 (sung response 1)

UMH #818

Response 1: Sing a new song to the Lord, who restores the ends of the earth.

R

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has done marvelous things!

God's right hand and holy arm
have gotten the victory.

**The Lord has declared victory,
and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

R

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of the melody!

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the Ruler, the Lord!**

R

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
The world and those who dwell in it!
**Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord,
who comes to judge the earth.**
The Lord will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity. **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**

John 15:9-17

pg. 109

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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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

"The Power Of Love"

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

"In Christ There Is No East Or West"

UMH #548

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall truehearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding human kind.
3. In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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 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

“The Love of God”

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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.

*** A Service of Word and Table I**

UMH # 9-

11

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 Breaking of the Bread and Offering of the Cup and Sharing in the Feast

I invite all of you here in the sanctuary and those of you at home to take and receive now.

The Body of Christ.

The Blood of Christ.

Amen.

The Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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*** Closing Hymn**

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

UMH #526

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trial and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

*** Benediction**

“Alleluia, Amen”

***UMH 901**

Alleluia, amen, amen.

*** Postlude**

“Love Lifted Me”

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MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

SSGT Jonathan Simpson, SA Ethan Minor, Will Hollins at Marine Boot Camp

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, May 5th:	10:00 AM	Sixth Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Monday, May 6 th :	7:00 PM	Finance Meeting
Tuesday, May 7 th :	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 8 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, May 12 th :	10:00 AM	Ascension Sunday/Mothers Day
	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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