

***Tappahannock Memorial  
United Methodist Church***

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“Come ye after me,  
and I will make you to  
become fishers of men.”

M a r k 1 : 1 7



*“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

## Third Sunday after the Epiphany

“Called”

January 21, 2024

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Mark 1:14-20

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### Prelude

“Softly and Tenderly”

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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 worshiping 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](mailto: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

“God Of Grace And God Of Glory”

UMH #577

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church’s story; bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour, (of this hour) for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days, (of these days) for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children’s warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wonton, selfish gladness, rich in things and pour in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal, (kingdom’s goal) lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore (we adore) serving thee whom we adore.

### \* Call to Worship:

Gathered in worship with silence and sound,

**we wait upon God’s grace.**

Gathered in worship with focused heart and mind,

**we anticipate the time we face.**

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**\* Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

God of unifying grace,  
we come distracted by the world.

Our minds wander,  
and are filled with thoughts other than you.

Our hearts are confused,  
and we are uncertain where we belong.

Call us to follow you once more.

Redeem the night and bless the day  
that greets us this morning.

May your relentless ways never fail  
as we strive to live as your beloved people.

Amen.

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**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy One, you have called us from the seashore  
to service in the world.**

**You have pulled us from our comfort  
to embrace the inconvenience of servanthood.**

**You have put before us an opportunity  
that we never truly wanted.**

**Like Jonah, who resented going where you sent him,  
we are restless and resistant.**

**We'd rather sleep in a boat  
and go about a casual kind of life.**

**We'd rather live our days as we always have  
and let the tides carry us where they will.**

**May the storms of our days shake us  
to new awareness and renewed paths  
of faithful living. 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.**

**The Baptismal Covenant**

**Please See Insert**

**Children's Time**

**Pastor Becca**

**Scriptures****Jonah 3:1-5, 10****pg. 860**

<sup>1</sup> *The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying,* <sup>2</sup> *“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.”* <sup>3</sup> *So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across.* <sup>4</sup> *Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”*

<sup>5</sup> *And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.* <sup>10</sup> *When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.*

**Scriptures****1 Corinthians 7:29-31****pg. 170**

<sup>29</sup> *I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none,* <sup>30</sup> *and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions,* <sup>31</sup> *and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.*

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem****“Blessed Be The Tie That Binds”****The Glory Ringers**

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**\*Psalter****Psalm 62****UMH #787**

**Response: I sing your praise for steadfast love; fulfill your purpose for me.**

**R**

For God alone my soul waits in silence,

**for my home is from God,**

**who alone is my rock and my salvation,**

**my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;

my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

**Trust in God at all times, O people;**

**pour out your heart before God who is a refuge for us.      R**

Those of low estate are but a breath;

those of high estate are a delusion;

in the balances they go up;

they are together lighter than a breath.

**Put no confidence in extortion,**

**set no vain hopes on robbery;**

**if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

Once God has spoken,

twice have I heard this:

power belongs to God;

and to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love,  
for you repay all according to their work.

**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 1:14-20**

**pg. 35**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed 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**

**“Called”**

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

**\* Hymn of Response**

**“The Summons” (vs. 1-4)**

**TFWS #2130**

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

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**We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
    who has created and is creating,  
    who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
        to reconcile and make new,  
    who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God:  
We are called to be the church:  
    to celebrate God's presence,  
    to love and serve others,  
    to seek justice and resist evil,  
    to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
        our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
    God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. 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](http://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**                    *“How Deep Is The Father’s Love For Us/I Stand Amazed In The Presence”*

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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**

*“Lord Of The Dance”*

**UMH #261**

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen for James and John;  
they came to me and the dance went on.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
3. I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;  
and they left me there on a cross to die.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
but I am the dance and I still go on.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

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**\* Benediction**

*“Alleluia, Amen”*

**\*UMH 901**

Alleluia, amen, amen.

**\* Postlude**

***“I Stand Amazed In The Presence”***

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## Thank you for joining us in worship!

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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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| <b>Today:</b>                      | <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>3rd Sunday After Epiphany</b> |
| Sunday, January 28 <sup>th</sup> : | 10:00 AM        | 4th 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.***

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

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