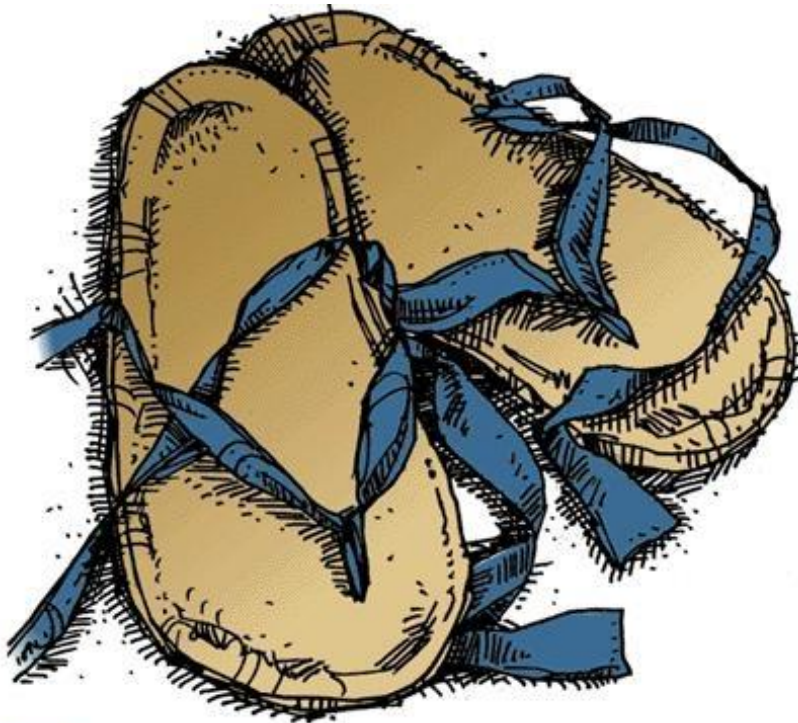


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Take off  
your sandals,  
for the place where  
you are standing is  
holy ground.

Exodus 3:5

*“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

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### “Turn Aside”

September 3, 2023

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-11 (8288); Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

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Prelude

*“Prelude JS Bach”*

#### 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](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

*“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”*

UMH # 64

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and ever more shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

#### \* Call to Worship:

Give thanks to the Lord.

**Call on God’s holy name.**

Sing praises to the Lord.

**Tell of God’s wondrous deeds.**

Let the faithful sing of the Lord’s awesome power.

**Let the hearts of the faithful rejoice.**

Give thanks to the Lord.

**Call on God’s holy name.**

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## \* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Great I Am, you come to us in unexpected ways. Excite our curiosity, that we might turn aside and realize we are standing on Holy Ground. Appear to us in fire and wonder, that we might see worlds beyond the reaches of our imaginations. Reveal the glory of your kingdom- where love is genuine, where evil is forsaken, where mutual affection abides, and hospitality is shown to strangers, where all are made one. Amen

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## Prayer of Yearning

**Loving God, Holy Shepherd, we long for a higher calling. When we would rather tend our flocks in peace than confront the powers of this age, open our hearts to your guidance and direction. When we would rather keep silent than face the suffering of others, open our mouths to speak your truth. Turn us from human considerations and set our minds on your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord, 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 3:1-15**

**pg. 50**

*Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.*

*Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."*

*But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.*

### **Romans 12:9-21**

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*Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* Psalter**

**Psalm 105:1-11**

**UMH 828**

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name,  
make known God's deeds among the peoples!

<sup>2</sup> **Sing to the Lord, sing praises!**

**Tell of all God's wonderful works!**

<sup>3</sup> Glory in God's holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

<sup>4</sup> **Seek the LORD and his strength;**

**seek the Lord's presence continually!**

<sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works God has done,  
the miracles and judgements God has uttered,

<sup>6</sup> **O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,  
children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD is our God,  
whose judgements are in all the earth.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord is mindful of his everlasting covenant,  
of the word commanded for a thousand generations,**

<sup>9</sup> the covenant made with Abraham,  
his promise sworn to Isaac,

<sup>10</sup> and confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying,

<sup>11</sup> **'To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as your portion for an inheritance.'**

**\* 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 16:21-28**

**pg. 18**

*From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."*

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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**

**"Turn Aside"**

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

**\* Hymn of Response**

***“Nearer My God, to Thee”***

**UMH #528**

1. Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God,  
to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer  
to thee!
2. Though like the wanderer, the sun gone  
down, darkness be over me, my rest a  
stone; yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my  
God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer to thee!
3. There let the way appear, steps unto  
heaven; all that thou sendest me, in  
mercy given; angels to beckon me nearer,  
my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee,  
nearer to thee!
4. Then, with my waking thoughts bright  
with thy praise, out of my stony griefs  
Bethel I'll raise; so by my woes to be  
nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God,  
to thee, nearer to thee!
5. Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky, Sun,  
moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly, still  
all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to  
thee; Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to  
thee!

**\* Affirmation of Faith**

**Apostles' Creed**

**UMH # 881**

**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 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 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**

#### ***“In The Sweet By and By”***

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## **\* A Service of Word and Table III**

**UMH # 15-16**

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 he 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 forever. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER\*

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

#### BREAKING THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf,  
we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.  
The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

## GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

**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.**

### \* 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

*“Where He Leads Me”*

**UMH # 338**

**1**

I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my  
Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling,  
“Take thy cross and follow, follow me.”

**2**

I’ll go with him through the garden, I’ll go with  
him through the garden, I’ll go with him through the  
garden, I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

**3**

I’ll go with him through the judgement, I’ll go with  
him through the judgement, I’ll go with him  
through the judgement, I’ll go with him,  
with him all the way.

**4**

He will give me grace and glory, he will give me  
grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory,  
and go with me, with me all the way.

### **REFRAIN**

Where he leads me I will follow, Where he leads  
me I will follow,  
Where he leads me I will follow; I’ll go with him,  
with him all the way.

### \* Benediction

### \* Postlude

**“Bringing In The Sheaves”**

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**Thank you for joining us in worship!**

## PRAYER LIST

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**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

<b>Today:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Worship Service</b>
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Thursday:	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	VCU On-Site Mobile Health & Wellness
Sunday, September 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	10:00 AM	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service

*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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