

***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
25th Sunday After Pentecost
“Where Are Your Talents?”

November 19, 2023

Judges 4:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 15:14-30

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Prelude

“Give Thanks”

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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**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH# 89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Give of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o’er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

*** Call to Worship:**

We lift up our eyes to you, O God,
longing for a glimpse of your grace.
We watch for you...and wait,
trying to keep awake and aware,

trying not to fall asleep,
trying not to miss your presence,
trying not to miss our very lives.

Today, we come to awake—
clothed in faith, decked out in love,
wearing hope for all to see.

Come and meet us here, O God,
in your mercy and your grace.

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* **Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Holy One, have mercy on us.
When we cannot take any more of this world,
we know we must turn to you.
When our souls have had their fill
of trouble and of unease,
we seek your protection.
We come to you in faith and love,
in hope of your salvation,
now and always. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession

We are not always awake, O God.
We are not always aware.
We do not always pay attention—
to others,
even to you.
We do not always treasure your blessings—
the gifts you give to us,
the time you spend with us,
the people you offer us,
the work you entrust to us.
We take it for Granted, God.
We take *you* for granted.
We wander away.
Help us wake up, Holy One.
Remind us to be aware.
Show us the way back to you.
And help us find meaning in you once more.

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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

Pastor Becca

Scriptures

Judges 4:1-7

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¹The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. ²So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. ⁴At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Scriptures

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Come Ye Thankful People Come"

The Glory Ringers

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R: *Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like flowing streams.*

R

In Judah God is known,
whose name is great in Israel,
whose abode has been established in Salem,
whose dwelling place is in Zion.

**There God broke the flashing arrows,
the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war.**

You are glorious, more majestic
than these everlasting mountains.

**The stouthearted were stripped of their spoil;
they sank into sleep;**

all the soldiers
were unable to use their hands/

**At your rebuke, O God of Jacob,
both rider and horse lay stunned.**

R

You indeed are to be feared!
**Who can stand before you when once your
anger is roused?**

From the heavens you uttered judgment;
the earth feared and was still,
when God arose to establish judgment
to save all the oppressed of the earth.

**Surely human wrath shall praise you;
the residue of wrath you will gird upon you.**

Make vows to the Lord your God, and keep them;
**let those who surround God bring gifts
to the One to be feared,
who cuts off the spirit of monarchs,
and makes the rulers of the earth afraid.**

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**

Matthew 25:14-30

pg. 28

¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you

handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’²⁶ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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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
Minor

“Where Are Your Talents?”

Rev. Rebecca L.

*** Hymn of Response**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

UMH # 399

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated,
Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and
let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only,
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee. Take my silver
and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no
longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my
Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasurestore.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Affirmation of Faith

UMH # 883

**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 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 Gather Together"

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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**

“Soon and Very Soon”

UMH #706

1. Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.
2. No more dying there, we are going to see the King;
no more dying there, we are going to see the King;
no more dying there, we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.
3. No more crying there, we are going to see the King;
no more crying there, we are going to see the King;
no more crying there, we are going to see the king.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.

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*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

“Count Your Blessings”

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Wright Andrews, Eddie Bliss, the family of 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, George Wells 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	25th Sunday After Pentecost
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, November 26 th :	10:00 AM	26 th Sunday After Pentecost
	11:00 AM	Chrismon Tree Decorating

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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