

*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

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

“Tame The Tongue”

September 15, 2024

Proverbs 1:20-33; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

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Prelude

“Something Beautiful”

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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

“Lord, Speak To Me”

UMH #463

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou hast sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.
2. O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.
5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy job, thy glory share.

* Call to Worship

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day pours forth speech,

and night declares knowledge of our God.

God's wisdom is written in the stars.

It is seen and heard to the ends of the earth.

When we see God's teachings in the clouds,

or hear them in the symphonies of the birds,

our minds are enriched,

our eyes are enlightened,

our souls are revived,

and our hearts rejoice.

Then we shall bless God's name with our words,

and with the silence between them.

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, your Wisdom speaks in our streets,
cries out from our intersections,
and calls our names.

Wisdom hopes we will stop...listen...and learn.

Wisdom beseeches us to turn our faces
and our ears to you.

Wisdom urges us to bless your name
with our speaking...and our silence.

May we speak and bless your name, O God,
now and always. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

O God, we long for you—

for your love,

for your wisdom,

for your grace.

**We long for the words of your mouth,
when we cannot find our own.**

**We long for the courage to speak
and sing your blessings.**

**We pray for the wisdom to keep silent,
rather than speak words of harm.**

Be our vision, O God, and our voice.

And may our mouths proclaim your praise, 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

*¹Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”*

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of

iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“How Shall I Come Before The Lord”

Choir

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*** Psalter**

Psalm 19

UMH #750

Response 1: The law of God is just, reviving the soul.

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The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;
Their voice is not heard;

**yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

In them God has set a tent for the sun,
which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and runs its course with joy like a strong man.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and there is nothing hid from its heat.**

R

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;

**the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;**

the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;

**the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**

the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring for ever;

**the ordinances of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
**sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.** **R**
Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
**But who can understand one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.**
Also keep your servant from the insolent;
let them not have dominion over me !
**Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.**
**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.** **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**

Mark 8:27-38

pg. 43

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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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

"Tame The Tongue"

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

UMH #549

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ’s love, by love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.
3. Forgive we now each other’s faults as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
4. Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
be Christ the glory that we seek be ours his holy peace.
5. Let us recall that in our midst dwells God’s begotten Son;
as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.
6. Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God’s name;
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

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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 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, or download our mobile e-giving app identified on the last page of today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory

"Precious Lord"

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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

"I Will Call Upon The Lord"

TFWS #2002

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

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* Benediction

"Three Fold Amen"

UMH #898

Amen, amen, amen.

* Postlude

"Majesty"

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

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MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

SSGT Jonathan Simpson

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, September 15th:	10:00 AM	Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Wednesday, September 18 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Saturday, September 21 st :	9:00 AM	Tappahannock Farmers Market
Sunday, September 22 nd :	10:00 AM	Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
	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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