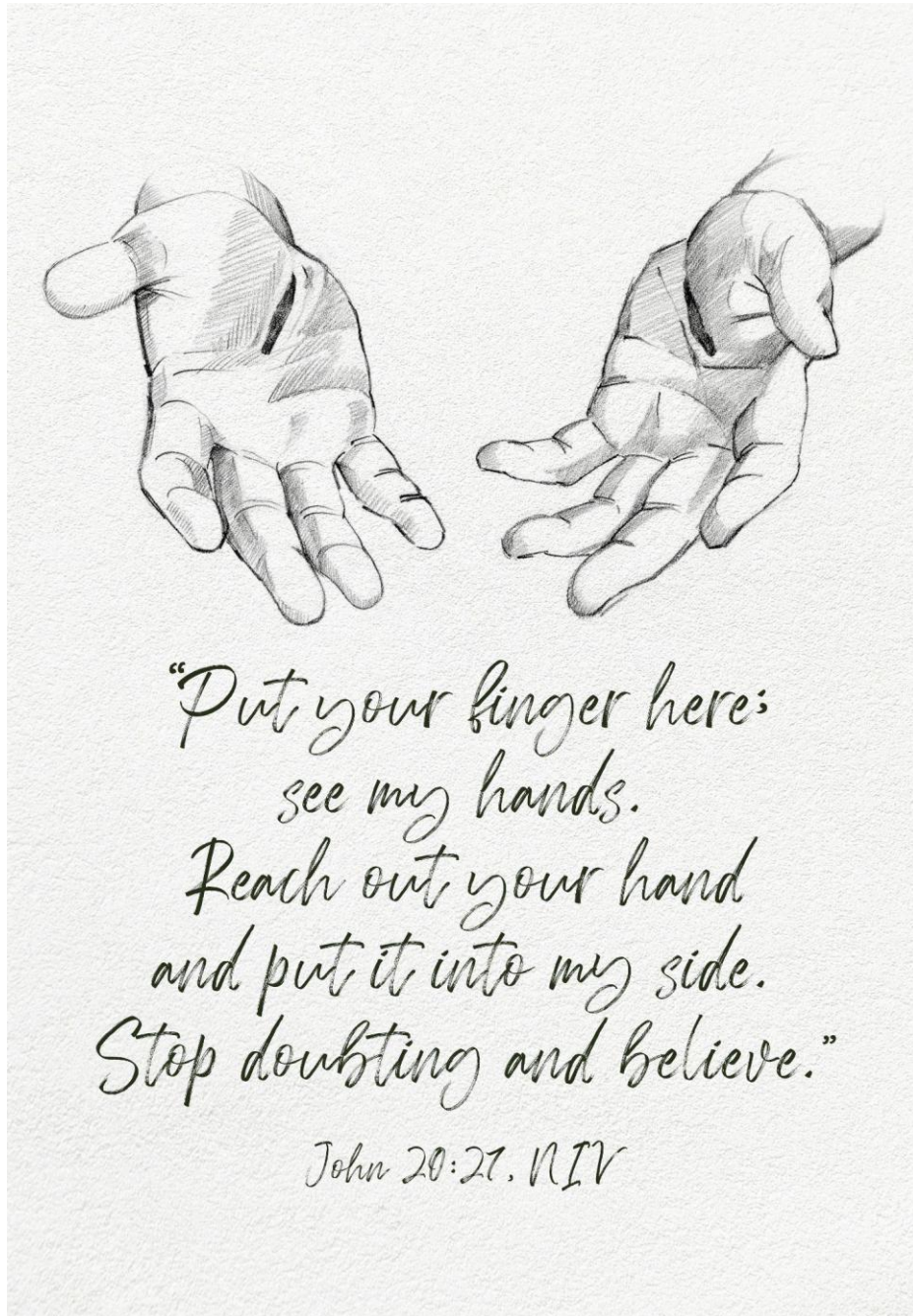


# *Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church*

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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.”*



Jesus of the Cross, Jesus of the Resurrection,  
we rejoice in you.  
For long before the experience of the cross,  
you defeated the powers of sin, pain, and death  
in the hurting people around you.  
And then you were struck down.  
But you defeated the cross and stood  
before your beloved disciples,  
as you are present today—alive again.  
We rejoice in you, Risen Savior, for you open before us  
your life-giving peace and power.  
You are our Lord and our God.  
Alleluia! Amen.

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### **Prayer of Yearning**

**Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior,**  
**sometimes we are bold and sure**  
**that you are the Living One who defeated death**  
**and destruction for us all.**  
**Sometimes we wonder at the ancient stories**  
**of your resurrection, and we are not so sure**  
**that things happened the way stories tell them.**  
**Amid our doubts, bless us with your peace.**  
**Bless us with the joy and assurance of your presence,**  
**wherever we are in our journey of faith.**  
**In your compassionate name, we pray. 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.**

### **Anthem**

***“Christ Is Risen Today!”***

**Choir**

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**Children's Time**

**Pastor Becca**

<sup>14a</sup> *But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,*

<sup>22</sup> *“Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—  
<sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ <sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ <sup>32</sup> “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.*

## Scripture

## 1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup> *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \* Psalter

## Psalm 46

**Response 1: A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.**

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,**

**though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved;  
God will help it at the dawn of the city.

**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
God's voice resounds, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our refuge. R**

Come behold the works of the Lord,  
who has wrought desolations in the earth;  
**who makes wars cease to the end of the earth,  
breaks the bow, shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire!**

“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth!”

**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge. 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.*

**\* The Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

**pg. 115**

*<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.*

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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**

**“God Meets Us In Our Doubts”**

**John Harvey**

**\* Hymn of Response**

**“Through It All”**

**UMH #507**

Through it all, through it all,  
I’ve learned to trust in Jesus, I’ve learned to trust in God;  
through it all, through it all,  
I’ve learned to depend upon God’s word.

Through it all, through it all,  
I’ve learned to trust in Jesus, I’ve learned to trust in God;  
through it all, through it all,  
I’ve learned to depend upon God’s word.

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**\* Affirmation of Faith**

**The Nicene Creed**

**UMH #880**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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 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**

##### ***"Oceans"***

John Harvey & Beth Harvey, duet

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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**

***“Love Lifted Me”***

**W&S #3101**

1. I was sinking deep in sin, far from peaceful shore,  
very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;  
but the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,  
from the waters lifted me; now safe am I.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help. Love lifted me.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help. Love lifted me.
  
2. Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;  
he will lift you by his love out of the angry waves.  
He’s the Master of the sea, billows his will obey;  
he your savior wants to be- be saved today.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help. Love lifted me.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help. Love lifted me.

**\* The Benediction**

***“Alleluia, Amen”***

**UMH #901**

Alleluia, amen, amen.

**\* Postlude**

***“Love Lifted Me”***

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

## PRAYER LIST

Faye Brooks, Frauke Darnell, Jean Edwards, Bruce George, Beth Harvey, George Carol Hundley, Sally Kone, Kelly Lafollette, Warren Minton, Whitney Orlando, the family of Edna Parrish, Russ Riles, Jack Robertson, Agnes Sills, Colin Smith, Regan Smith, Rick Stott, Beverly Taylor, Thomas Tignor, Nancy Tiller, Bryan Wachsmuth, the family of Bidley Acree Walker, Barbara Watkins, Betty Whitten. Missionaries overseas. Inclusion and equality for the LGBTQ family and friends. All affected by critical weather and violence, everyone who struggles with drug addiction and alcoholism, all missing persons, those who serve in the Armed Forces, students and educators, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan during this time of war.

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## PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Jean Edwards, Betty Gregory, and Barbara Watkins.

*\* Please contact the office for the phone number or address for these members of our church family.*

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

<b>Today, April 12<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Church Activity Group</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Wednesday Morning Group</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>

*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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