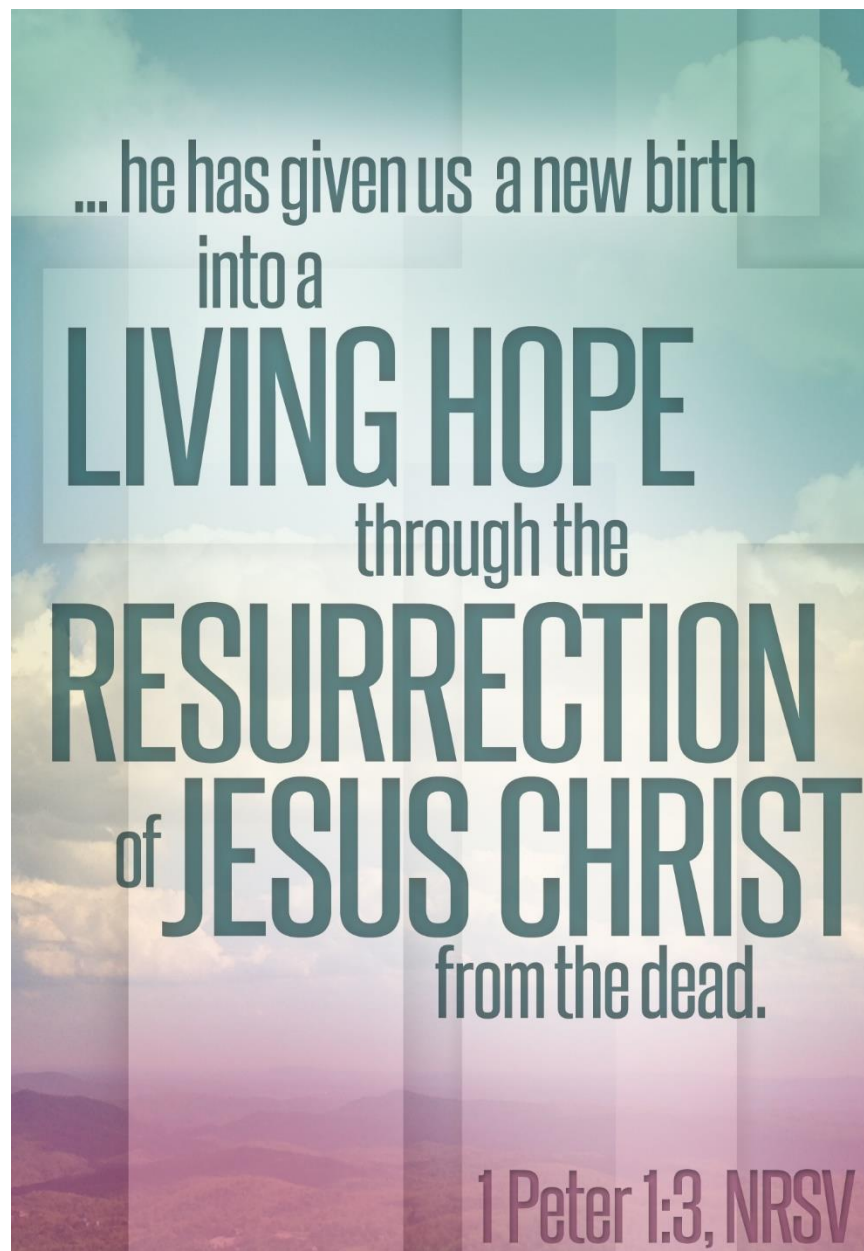


***Tappahannock Memorial  
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*“To all who mourn and need comfort,  
to all who are tired and need rest,  
to all who are lonely and need companionship,  
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,  
this church opens wide its doors.”*

# Tappahannock Memorial UMC

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### “Hope Is Found”

April 16, 2023

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; Psalm 16 (UMH 748); John 20:19-31

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#### Prelude

#### “Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”

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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](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

#### “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

UMH # 304

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| <p>1. Easter people, raise your voices,<br/>sounds of heaven in earth should ring.<br/>Christ has brought us heaven’s choices;<br/>heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia!<br/>Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.</p> <p>3. Every day to us is Easter,<br/>with its resurrection song.<br/>When in trouble move the faster<br/>to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia!<br/>Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.</p> | <p>2. Fear of death can no more stop us<br/>from our pressing her below.<br/>For our Lord empowered us to<br/>triumph over every foe. Alleluia!<br/>Alleluia! On to victory now we go.</p> |
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#### \* Call to Worship:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice.**

Do not worry or fear, for Christ is alive!

**In this place, we find hope and joy.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Let us worship the one who brings new life.**

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#### \* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, we gather today to celebrate the resurrection of your Son. We are grateful for the new life he brings. We are grateful for the hope and joy he shares. We are grateful for leading the way, as he goes before us.

Gracious God, today and every day, we offer our thanks and praise. Strengthen our faith, that it may sustain us during difficult days and enable us to share your love with others. Open our hearts to new life and new possibilities. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

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### **Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy and grace, you understand us completely. Yet there are times when we do not understand this life of faith. We do not understand how Jesus rose from the dead. We do not understand how the resurrected Christ comes to us today. Moments of doubt and disbelief sap our strength. Forgive and restore us. Help us trust you and your love for us. And help us trust the ways of Christ. 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**

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

#### **Scriptures**

**Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

**pg. 119-120**

*But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. "You that are 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— 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. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. 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; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "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. 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. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.*

*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, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 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. 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, 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.**

**Anthem**

**“Alleluia”**

**Choir**

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**\* Psalter**

**Psalm 16**

**UMH # 748**

<sup>5</sup>The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

**<sup>6</sup>The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a glorious heritage.**

<sup>7</sup>I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
even at night my heart instructs me.

**<sup>8</sup>I have set the Lord always before me;  
The Lord is at my right hand;  
I shall not be moved.**

<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also dwells secure.

**<sup>10</sup>For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your godly one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You show me the path of life;  
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

**\* 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**

**John 20:19-31**

**pg. 115**

*When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send*

you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.” 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.” 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.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 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.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come 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**

**“Hope Is Found”**

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

### **\* Hymn of Response**

**“The Day of Resurrection”**

**UMH # 303**

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is there-in!  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in glad-ness blend,  
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

**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 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.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

#### ***“Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone”***

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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**

#### ***“Because He Lives”***

**UMH # 364**

#### **Refrain:**

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;  
because he lives, all fear is gone;  
because I know he holds the future,  
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

1. God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;  
he came to love, heal, and forgive;  
he lived and died to buy my pardon,  
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives. **{R}**
2. And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
and then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns. **{R}**

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### **\* Benediction**

### **\* Postlude**

#### ***“There Is Power In The Blood”***

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*Thank you for joining us in worship!*

## PRAYER LIST

Eddie Bliss, Alice Boyd, Rob & Cheryl Baumgardner, Priscilla Carter and husband, Olivia Egge, Brock & Tammy Fielder, Peyton & Mae Lynne Guest, family of A.J. Hamilton, Beth Harvey, Bill Hendricks, Josh Hodges, Sarah Hundley, Rev. Barb Jacobs, Paige Klemm, Carolyn Lewis, Dolly Loomis & family, Bill Loser, family of Lily Lucas, Kathleen MacDonald, Ray Massie, Yvonne Minor, Monica Newsham, Nate Parker, Tri Parker, Robin (Whitten) Patton, Russ Riles, Tina Shaver, Mary Lou Simpson, John & Debbie Snyder, Jackson Titmus, Brody Verlander, Faye Vlahovich, and Eric 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 DEPLOYMENTS:** SSGT Jonathan Simpson.

### 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>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Worship Service w/ Choir</b>
Monday:	7:00 PM	Administrative Council Meeting
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Thursday:	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	VCU On-Site Mobile Health & Wellness
Saturday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	Operation InAsMuch (OIAM) Mission Blitz Day!	
Coffee & Doughnuts	7:30 AM	On the Lawn at St. Margaret's
Opening Ceremony	8:00 AM	On the Lawn at St. Margaret's
Sunday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	8:45 AM	Glory Ringers Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Worship w/ Choir
	4:00 PM	OIAM Closing Ceremony at St. Timothy's

*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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