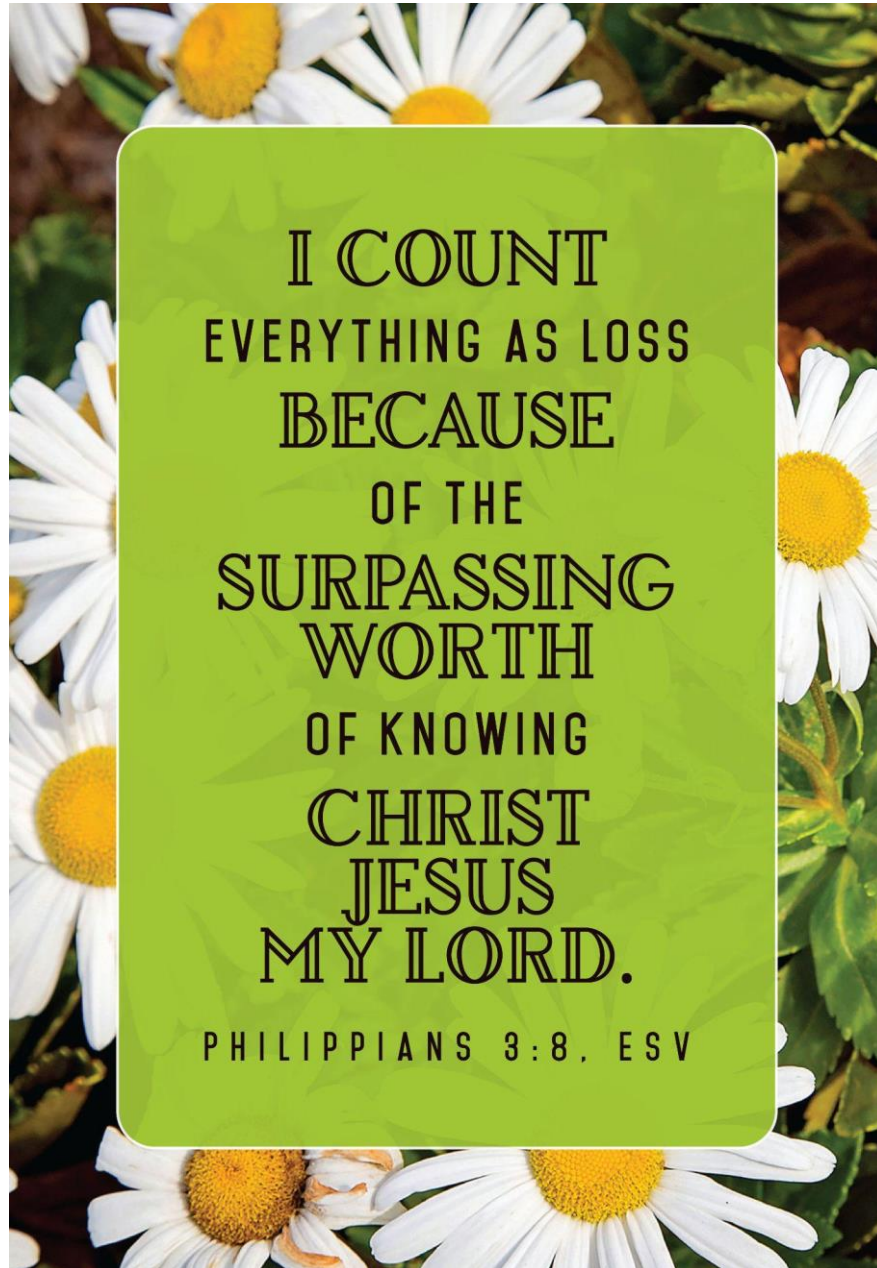


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*“To all who mourn and need comfort,  
to all who are tired and need rest,  
to all who are lonely and need companionship,  
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,  
this church opens wide its doors.”*

# Tappahannock Memorial UMC

## Fifth Sunday In Lent

### “Honoring Jesus”

April 6, 2025

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

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#### Prelude

#### “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

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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

#### “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.

#### \* Call To Worship

When we have been hurt and lost,

**God brings us laughter and joy.**

When our lives reach a dead end,

**God opens a way forward.**

When the rivers of our lives dry up,

**God sends living water to quench our thirst.**

God has done great things for us!

**Let us rejoice!**

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**\* Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of Love, you know our lives inside and out—  
the times of joy and laughter,  
and the times of loss and pain.

You accompanied our ancestors of faith into exile  
and then journeyed with them  
back to the Promised Land.

Jesus our sibling, you wept at the grave of Lazarus  
and then you celebrated at the dinner table  
with your resurrected friend.

Be with us in times of plenty and times of want,  
and let us rejoice in your presence,  
for you see us and care for us.

In the name of the Embracing Spirit, we pray. Amen.

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**Prayer of Yearning**

**Compassionate God,**

**we do not always see the harvest of joy  
that we sow from our tears.**

**Some losses take hold of us  
and we dwell in disappointment and grief.**

**We don't always know what to think of you.**

**We want to embrace new life, hope, and joy,  
but don't always know how.**

**Bless us with your merciful help,  
that we might walk from our tombs like Lazarus,  
and sit by Jesus' side, eating and laughing.**

**Help us kneel at Jesus' feet in love and commitment,  
as we celebrate our new lives.**

**Come to us, healing God,  
and renew us and our love for you. 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

John Magruder

Scripture

Isaiah 43:16-21

pg. 672

*<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.*

Scripture

Philippians 3:4b-14

pg. 198

*<sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

*“Jesus Paid It All”/“Love Lifted Me”*

Choir

\* Psalter

Psalm 126

UMH #847

**Response 2:** For the night weeping may tarry; with the morning light comes joy.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then they said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are glad.**

**R**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb!  
**May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy!**  
Those who go forth weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
**shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.**

**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**

**John 12:1-8**

**pg. 106**

*<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."*

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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**

**"Honoring Jesus"**

**John Magruder**

**\* Hymn of Response**

***"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"***

**UMH #298**

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

**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, 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.

### **Congregational 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**

***“Near The Cross”***

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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**

***“Sanctuary”***

**TFWS #2164**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for you.

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**\* Benediction**

***“Go Now In Peace”***

**UMH #665**

Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
may the love of God surround you,  
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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**\* Postlude**

***“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”***

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

## PRAYER LIST

Eddie Bliss, the family of Jacob Bozemon, Faye Brooks, Nancy Brumfield, Evy Campbell, the family of Neill Caldwell, Bill Hendricks, Cindy Huber, Rick Humphries, Richard Ledbetter, the family of Bill Loser, the family of Lois Nix, Jack Robertson, Cathy Short, Colin Smith, Jack Titmus, Bryan Wachsmuth, and Barbara Watkins. 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.

## MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

SSGT Jonathan Simpson, MAJ. Matthew D. Parker, USMC

## PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jean Edwards, Edna Parrish, and Barbara Watkins.

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## SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

<b>Today, April 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday In Lent</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
Monday, April 7 <sup>th</sup> :	6:00 PM	Leadership Board
Tuesday, April 8 <sup>th</sup> :	7:00 PM	Choir
Wednesday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, April 13 <sup>th</sup> :	10:00 AM	Palm Sunday
	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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