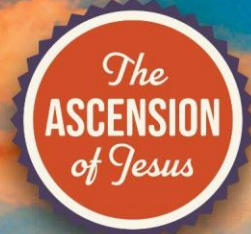


***Tappahannock Memorial
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**“ I am sending
the promise of my
Father upon you.
But stay in the city
until you are clothed
with power from
on high. ”**

LUKE 24:49, ESV

*“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

Ascension Sunday

“A Promise Given”

May 12, 2024

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

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Prelude

“Here I Am To Worship”

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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

“My Hope Is Built”

UMH #368

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.
2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.
3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

* Call to Worship:

Clap your hands and sing for joy!

Christ is in our midst and in our lives.

Clap your hands and sing for joy!

Christ calls us to worship and praise.

Let’s worship together.

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Risen Christ, be present in our lives and in our worship.

Help us recognize and celebrate your presence.

Grant us the power of your Holy Spirit,

that we may answer the call to be your disciples

and bring your message of love to the world.

Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

Great and glorious God,

we are tired of thinking small.

When we look for you in all the wrong places,

remind us that your Spirit resides within.

When we shy away in shame and regret,

help us sense the fullness of your grace.

Lift our eyes to your glorious presence in our midst,

that we may reflect your glory and grace

for all to see. 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

Scripture

Acts 1:1-11

pg. 118

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took

him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Scripture

Ephesians 1:15-23

pg. 192

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”

The Glory Ringers

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***Psalter**

Psalm 47

UMH #781

Response: Earth and heaven repeat the cry, “Glory be to God on high.”

R

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,

a great Ruler over all the earth,

who subdued peoples under us,

and nations under our feet,

who chose our heritage for us,

the pride of Jacob whom God loves.

R

God has gone up with a shout,

the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our Ruler, sing praises!

For God is the Ruler of all the earth;

sing praises with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations,

God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the people gather

as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God,

who is highly exalted!

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**

Luke 24:44-53

pg. 91

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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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

“A Promise Given”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Open The Eyes of My Heart”

W&S #3008

1. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you, I want to see you. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you, I want to see you. To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your power and love as we sing. Holy, holy, holy.
2. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you, I want to see you. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you, I want to see you. To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your power and love as we sing. Holy, holy, holy. To see you high high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your power and love as we sing. Holy, holy, holy.

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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

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

“You Raise Me Up”

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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’ll Fly Away”

TFWS #2282

1. Some glad morning when this life is over, I’ll fly away;
to a home on God’s celestial shore, I’ll fly away.
I’ll fly away, O glory, I’ll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away.
2. When the shadows of this life have gone, I’ll fly away;
like a bird from prison bars has flown, I’ll fly away.
I’ll fly away, O glory, I’ll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away.
3. Just a few more weary days and then, I’ll fly way;
to a land where joys shall never end, I’ll fly away.
I’ll fly away, O glory, I’ll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away.

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*** Benediction**

“Alleluia, Amen”

***UMH 901**

Alleluia, amen, amen.

*** Postlude**

“Christ Arose”

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

The family of Glenn Anderson, Wright Andrews, Eddie Bliss, Bob Burke, Faye Brooks, George Croxton, Tinker Fornash, Roxanne Griffith, the family of Richard Guest, Madeline Hawkins, Bill Hendricks, Lauma Hill, Cindy Huber, Betty Gregory, Shirley Johnson, Carolyn Lewis, Bill Loser, Ron Lucas, the family of Bobby Minor, Tawana Murry, Carol Nicholas and the family of Don Nicholas, the family of Jim Russell, Leslie Shaver, Mary Lou Simpson, Rev. John Tate, Chuck & Olivia Wachsmuth, 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, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan during this time of war.

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

SSGT Jonathan Simpson, SA Ethan Minor, Will Hollins at Marine Boot Camp

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, May 12th:	10:00 AM	Ascension Sunday/Mothers Day
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday, May 14 th :	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 15 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Saturday, May 18 th :	9AM-1PM	Tapp Farmers' Market: Baked Goods
Sunday, May 19 th :	10:00 AM	Pentecost 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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