

*Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church*

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**We must
OBEY
GOD
rather than
—ANY—
HUMAN
AUTHORITY.**

ACTS 5:29, NRSV



*“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

Second Sunday of Easter

“We Must Obey God”

Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

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Prelude

“Love Can Build A Bridge”

St. Margaret's Treble Choir

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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

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

UMH #304

1. Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

3. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

* Call To Worship

With trumpet sounds and singing hearts,
we come to praise the Lord.
As faithful witnesses of Christ's grace and love,
we come to praise the Lord.
Coming here with our doubts and our faith,
we come to praise the Lord.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of mystery and miracles,
breathe your peace upon us.
Reveal your presence,

as we look for you each day.
Strengthen our faith and our trust,
as we pray for miracles for one another
and for all of your creation. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

**Loving Christ, you welcomed Thomas' questions,
even his doubts.
Welcome us, too, with your grace and your love.
Offer your hand of forgiveness
and show us the truth of your presence.
Fill us with the power of your love,
that your grace, forgiveness, and love
may flow freely to others.
In gratitude and joy, 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.

Children's Time

Pastor Becca

Scripture

Acts 5:27-32

pg. 123

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Scripture

Revelation 1:4-8

pg. 245

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even

those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ *“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.*

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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 150

UMH #862

Response 1: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise God is his mighty firmament!

Praise God for his mighty deeds;

praise God for his exceeding greatness!

Praise God with trumpet sound;

praise God with lute and harp!

Praise God with tambourine and dance;

praise God with strings and pipe!

Praise God with sounding cymbals;

praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

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*** 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 20:19-31

pg. 115

¹⁹ *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.”* ²⁰ *After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.* ²¹ *Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”* ²² *When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.* ²³ *If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”* ²⁴ *But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.* ²⁵ *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.”* ²⁶ *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.”* ²⁷ *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.”* ²⁸ *Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”* ²⁹ *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.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.³¹ 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

“We Must Obey God”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Because He Lives”

UMH #364

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.
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fears is gone;
because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.
2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives.
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fears is gone;
because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.
3. 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.
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fears is gone;
because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

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***Affirmation of Faith**

UMH # 884

**We believe in the one God,
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.**
**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.**
**We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.**
**We believe in the Word of God
contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**

**We believe in the church,
those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.
We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.
We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
and in the life everlasting. 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

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

"Sisi Ni Moja" ("We Are One")

St. Margaret's Treble Choir

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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**

"He Lives"

UMH #310

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him, he's always near.
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

2. In all the world around me I see his loving care,
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;
the day of his appearing will come at last.
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.
3. Rejoice, Rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;
none other is so loving, so good and kind.
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

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*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

"Let It Shine"

St. Margaret's Treble Choir

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Marie Ashley, the family of Frank Bertrum, Eddie Bliss, Faye Brooks, Nancy Brumfield, Davidson Burgess, Sally Conway, Jean Edwards, the family of Janet Foley, Ron Geiger, Bill Hendricks, Rick Humphries, Richard Ledbetter, Thomas Mundie, Jack Robertson, Cathy Short, Colin Smith, Jack Titmus, 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.

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

SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Today, April 27th:	10:00 AM	Second Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday, April 29 th :	7:00 PM	Choir
Wednesday, April 30 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, May 4 th :	10:00 AM	Third Sunday of Easter
	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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Pastor's Office Hours: Tue - Thu: 9 am – 2 pm