

*Tappahannock Memorial  
United Methodist Church*

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*"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...*



*and to the ends of the earth."*

*Acts 1:8, NRSV*

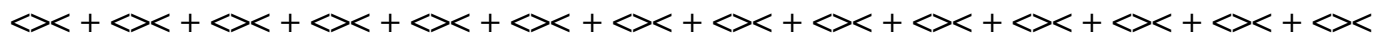
*"To all who mourn and need comfort,  
to all who are tired and need rest,  
to all who are lonely and need companionship,  
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,  
this church opens wide its doors."*

# Tappahannock Memorial UMC

## Ascension Sunday

### “To The End Of The Earth”

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



#### Prelude

#### “Sanctuary”

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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

#### “Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise”

UMH #312

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!  
Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!
2. There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!  
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!  
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!  
Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!
3. See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!  
Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!  
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!  
Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!
4. See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia!  
See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

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#### \* Call To Worship

Clap your hands. Sing for joy!

**God’s glory is all around.**

Rejoice and praise. Worship and pray.

**God’s glory is in each of us.**

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**\* Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of grace and glory, shine through our worship,  
that we may know your presence.

Shine through our lives,  
that we may bring your presence to others.

Shine through our world,  
that all may come to know you, love you,  
and glorify your name. Amen.

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**Prayer of Yearning**

**From the demons that haunt our lives,  
deliver us.**

**From the self-judgment and shame  
that dim the light within us, save us.**

**From the hurts and sorrows that harm us, heal us.**

**Cover us with your comfort, grace, and love,  
that we may shine with your glory and grace.**

**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**

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*<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After 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. <sup>4</sup>While 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; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time*

when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”<sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.<sup>8</sup> But 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.”<sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.<sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.<sup>11</sup> They 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

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<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>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, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God 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,<sup>21</sup> far 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. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which 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

## “We Will Glorify The King Of Kings”

Choir

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## \*Psalter

## Psalms 47

UMH #781

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

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.*

**\* The Gospel**

**Luke 24:44-53**

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*<sup>44</sup> Then 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." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And 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." <sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and 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**

**"To The End Of The Earth"**

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

**\* Hymn of Response**

***"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"***

**UMH #154**

(verses 1-4)

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
4. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

### **Affirmation of Faith**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**UMH #881**

**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.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **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**

#### ***“How Majestic Is Your Name”***

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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.

**\* A Service of Word and Table**

**UMH #9**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,

until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

### **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 Breaking of the Bread and Offering of the Cup and Sharing in the Feast**

I invite all of you here in the sanctuary and those of you at home to take and receive now.

The Body of Christ.

The Blood of Christ.

**Amen.**

### **The Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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### **\* Closing Hymn**

***"I'll Fly Away"***

**TFWS #2282**

1. Some glad morning when this life is o'er, 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 away;  
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**

***“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**

***“I’ll Fly Away”/“When The Saints”***

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

## PRAYER LIST

Marie Ashley, the family of Frank Bertrum, Eddie Bliss, the family of Barbara Brooks, Faye Brooks, the family of Nancy Brumfield, Davidson Burgess, the family of Cason Chilton, the family of Sally Conway, Jean Edwards, the family of Janet Foley, the family of Ron Geiger, Bonnie Harding, Bill Hendricks, Rick Humphries, Richard Ledbetter, Thomas Mundie, Jack Robertson, Cathy Short, Colin Smith, Jack Titmus, Chuck Wachsmuth, Barbara Watkins, and Ashley Wind. 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, Jean Edwards, Betty Gregory, 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

<b>Today, June 1<sup>st</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Ascension Sunday</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Piano Under The Pavilion</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Wednesday Morning Group</b>
<b>Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</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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