

# *Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church*

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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

## Easter Sunday

### “Hope In Christ”

Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

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#### Prelude

#### “Rejoice The Lord Is King”

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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

#### “Christ The Lord Is Risen Today” (vs. 1-4)

UMH #302

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where’s thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ as led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

#### \* Call To Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

This is the day of resurrection.

**Let us rejoice and celebrate!**

This is Easter Sunday.

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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**\* Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

God of life and love, we are eager to hear the good news  
of new life.

Enter our lives and cast our fears aside.

Lead us on a journey from grief and despair  
to hope and joy.

We are ready to celebrate  
and give thanks for your transforming love.

We are eager to rejoice in the glory of this day!

Give us Easter spirits and open hearts. Amen.

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**Prayer of Yearning**

**Come, O God, and bring new life  
to the dead places in our hearts.**

**When we are weary and afraid,  
help us trust your never-failing love.**

**May this love banish our fears,  
nourish our spirits,  
and deepen our joy. 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 10:34-43**

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*<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the*

third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Scripture**

**1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

**pg. 176**

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

**“The Easter Song”**

**Choir**

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**\* Psalter**

**Psalms 118:14-24**

**UMH #839**

**Response 2:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad.

The Lord is my strength and my power;  
the Lord has become my salvation.

**There are joyous songs of victory  
in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted,  
**the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”**

I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**The Lord has chastened me sorely,  
but has not given me over to death.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.      R**

I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected**

**has become the cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day which the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**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 24:1-12**

**pg. 90**

*<sup>1</sup>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.*

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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 In Christ"**

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

**\* Hymn of Response**

**"Thine Be The Glory"**

**UMH #308**

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.  
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.
2. Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,

for our Lord how liveth; death hath lost its sting.  
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Price of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**UMH # 883**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God:**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. 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 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

## *“Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring”/“Ode To Joy”*

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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 # 15-16

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, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

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. 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. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. 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."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

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, 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 broken for you. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

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### **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**

***"Up From The Grave He Arose"***

**UMH #322**

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!  
Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!
2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;

vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;

he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;

he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;

he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

**\* Benediction**

***“The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Done”***

**UMH #306**

The strife is o'er, the battle done;

the victory of life is won;

the song of triumph has begun: Aleluia!

**\* Postlude**

***“Crown Him With Many Crowns”***

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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, Bill Hendricks, Cindy Huber, 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

<b>Today, April 20<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>
Tuesday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	7:00 PM	Choir
Wednesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, April 27 <sup>th</sup> :	10:00 AM	Second 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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