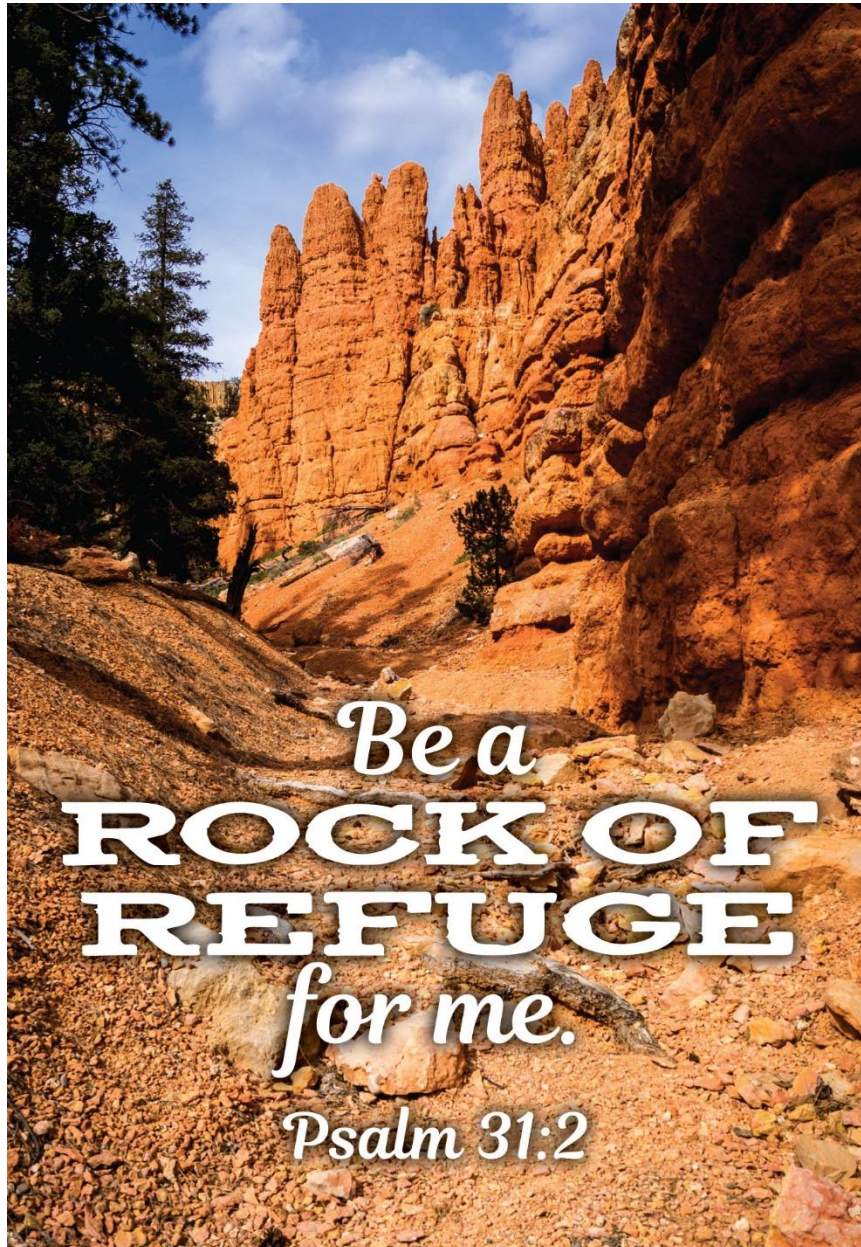


***Tappahannock Memorial
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*“To all who mourn and need comfort,
to all who are tired and need rest,
to all who are lonely and need companionship,
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,
this church opens wide its doors.”*

Tappahannock Memorial UMC

5th Sunday of Easter

“Our Rock of Refuge”

May 7, 2023

Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (UMH 764); John 14:1-14

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Prelude

“Something Beautiful”

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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

“The Church’s One Foundation” (v.1-3)

UMH # 545

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| <p>1. The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ
her Lord; she is his new creation by water
and the Word. From heaven he came and
sought her to be his holy bride; with his own
blood he bought her, and for her life he died.</p> | <p>3. Though with a scornful wonder we see her
sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by
heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are
keeping; their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the
morn of song.</p> |
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* Call to Worship:

Once we were not a people.

Now we are God’s people.

Once we ate food that did not satisfy.

Now we drink the spiritual milk of our Lord.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, our refuge and our strength, train our hearts on the words of your Son: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.” Feed our souls with your spiritual milk, and build our very lives into spiritual houses that neither famine nor storm can shake the foundation

of our faith. In the name of the master build and the living stone, we pray. Amen.
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Prayer of Yearning

Living God, in times of spiritual homelessness, we long to hear Jesus's assurance that he has prepared a place for us; we yearn to be formed by the Master Builder into spiritual houses, like living stones. Grant us the courage of Stephen and the confidence of Peter, as we strive to be a holy priesthood, In your blessed name, 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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Children's Time

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

Scriptures

Acts 7:55-60

pg. 126

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

1 Peter 2:2-10

pg. 233

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious,

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner,"

and

"A stone that makes them stumble

and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"In Remembrance of Me"

Choir

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*** Psalter**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

UMH # 764

¹ In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness, deliver me!

² **Incline your ear to me,
rescue me speedily!**

**Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!**

³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

⁴ **take me out of the net which is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.**

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine on your servant;
save me through your steadfast love!**

*** The Gloria Patri**

***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 14:1-14

pg. 108-109

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a

place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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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

“Our Rock of Refuge”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“My Hope is Built”

UMH # 368

Refrain

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground
is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

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. **R**
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. **R**
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. **R**
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! **R**

*** 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 and Russia; 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. Please let us know of other prayer concerns and needs.

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, or download our mobile e-giving app identified on the last page of today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory

“Eye of The Storm”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

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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.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*** A Service of Word and Table III**

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**

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

TFWS # 2002

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted. The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted

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*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”



Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Eddie Bliss, Alice Boyd, Rob & Cheryl Baumgardner, Priscilla Carter and husband, Olivia Egge, Brock & Tammy Fielder, Peyton & Mae Lynne Guest, family of A.J. Hamilton, Beth Harvey, Bill Hendricks, Josh Hodges, Cindy, Huber, Sarah Hundley, Paige Klemm, Carolyn Lewis, Dolly Loomis & family, Bill Loser, family of Lily Lucas, Kathleen MacDonald, The Family of Mike Martin, Ray Massie, Yvonne Minor, Monica Newsham, Nate Parker, Russ Riles, Tina Shaver, Mary Lou Simpson, John & Debbie Snyder, Jackson Titmus, and The Family of Brody Verlander. 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, and Sudan, and the UMC during the separation and as the church moves forward.

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS: SSGT Jonathan Simpson.

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jim Climaldi, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer,
Don and Carol Nicholas, Edna Parrish, Eleanor Rehm, 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:	10:00 AM	5th Sunday of Easter Worship Service w/ Choir
Monday:	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wednesday:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Thursday:	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	VCU On-Site Mobile Health & Wellness
Sunday, May 14 th :	8:45 AM	Glory Ringers Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	6 th Sunday of Easter Worship w/ Choir

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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