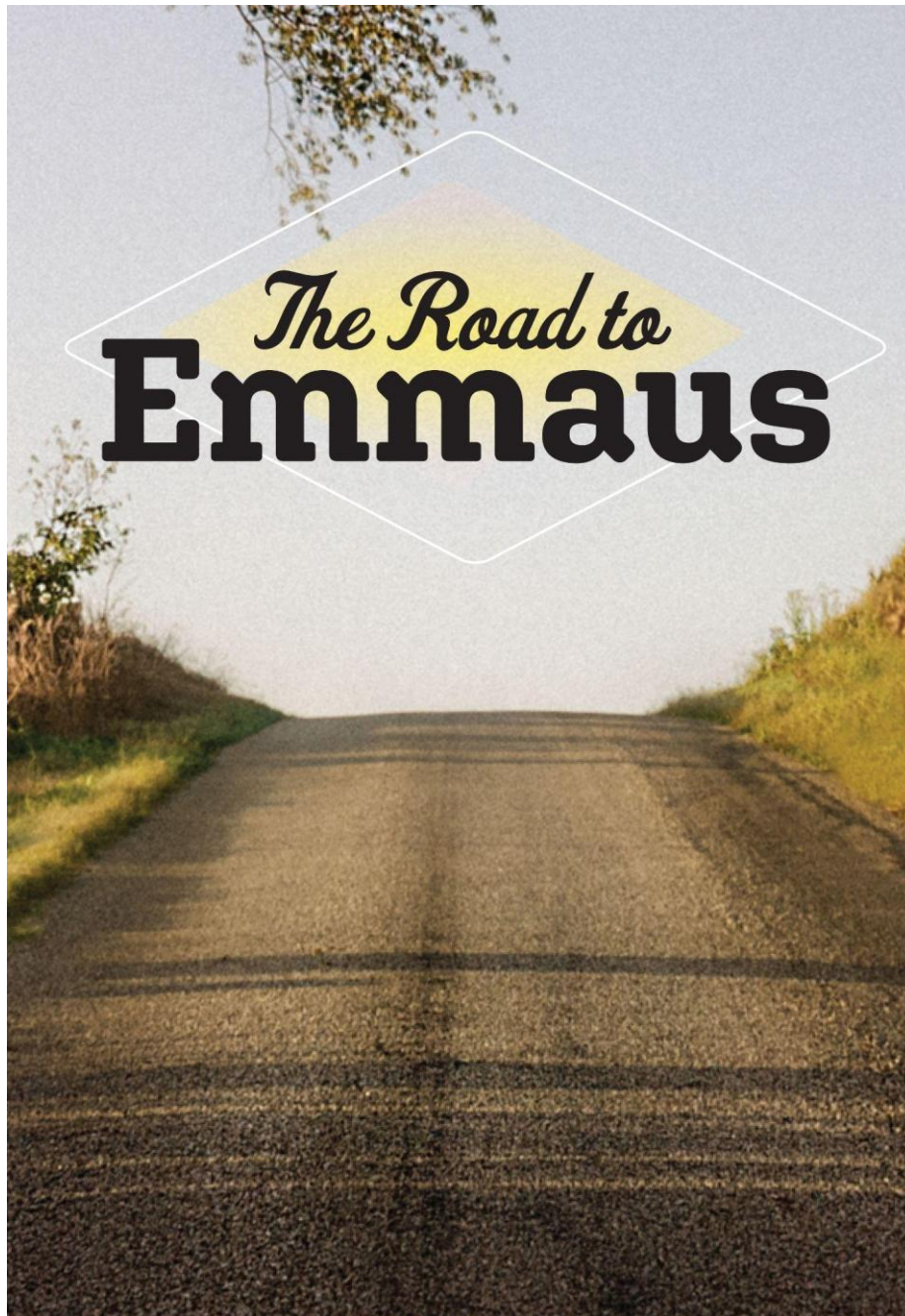


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*“To all who mourn and need comfort,
to all who are tired and need rest,
to all who are lonely and need companionship,
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,
this church opens wide its doors.”*

Tappahannock Memorial UMC

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

“Christ Walks With Us”

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

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Prelude

“O Come Let Us Adore Him”/“He Is Exalted”

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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

“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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*** Call To Worship**

Even if we feel abandoned and alone,

Christ meets us here.

Even when we become lost and disoriented,

Christ rescues us in our need.

Even when our hearts are touched by the frost,

Christ warms our spirits.

Even when all light has faded to black,

Christ illumines our Way.

Here in this house of worship

enter, rejoice, and come home.

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lover of our souls, you meet us on the road of life

and lift us from our pain and grief.

Heal our hardness of heart,

and open our minds to the subtleness of your ways

and the grandeur of your kingdom.

During times of suffering and doubt,

help us grow strong and true,

through your enduring word.

Reveal your presence to us,

as we show hospitality to strangers

and break bread in your name. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

God of Easter hope, when our gaze is cast within,

it is easy to miss your presence in our midst.

When we fail to recognize you on the road,

touch our minds with your wisdom and truth,

and set our hearts on fire with your holy love.

During times of confusion and doubt,

open our eyes to your life-giving presence,

and rekindle our Easter faith. 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.

Anthem

“Standing On The Promises”

Glory Ringers

Children's Time

Pastor Becca

Scripture

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

pg. 119

^{14a} But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Scripture

1 Peter 1:17-23

pg. 232

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. ²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*** Psalter**

Psalm 116

UMH #837

Response 1: O praise the Lord, who delivers your soul from death.

I love the Lord, who has heard
my voice and the supplications,
and has inclined his ear to me
whenever I called.

**The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.**

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

“O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!” R

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

**The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, the Lord saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest;

for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death,

my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;

**I walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.**

I kept my faith, even when I said,

“I am greatly afflicted.”

I said in my consternation,

“All humans are a vain of hope.” R

What shall I return to the Lord
for all my benefits?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

**Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.
You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord,
in the presence of all his people,

**in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Praise the Lord! R

* **The Gloria Patri**

Glorify be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

UMH #70

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

*** The Gospel**

Luke 24:13-35

pg. 90

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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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

“Christ Walks With Us”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Abide With Me”

UMH #700

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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 Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

**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 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

"In The Garden"

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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**

"We Walk By Faith"

TFWS #2196

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound; to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:
4. That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.
5. We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

*** The Benediction**

"Alleluia, Amen"
Alleluia, amen, amen.

UMH #901

*** Postlude**

“He Lives”

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PRAYER LIST

Faye Brooks, Frauke Darnell, Jean Edwards, Bruce George, the family of Betty Gregory, Beth Harvey, George Carol Hundley, Sally Kone, Kelly Lafollette, Warren Minton, Whitney Orlando, the family of Edna Parrish, Russ Riles, Jack Robertson, Agnes Sills, Colin Smith, Regan Smith, Rick Stott, Beverly Taylor, Thomas Tignor, Nancy Tiller, Bryan Wachsmuth, the family of Bidy Acree Walker, Barbara Watkins, Betty Whitten. Missionaries overseas. 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

Sgt. Tri Blanks

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Jean Edwards, Russ Riles, 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 19th:	10:00 AM	Third Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
	11:15 AM	Confirmation Class
Tuesday, April 21st:	10:00 AM	Church Activity Group
Wednesday, April 22nd:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
	6:30 PM	Choir
Sunday, April 26th:	10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
	11:15 AM	Confirmation Class

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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