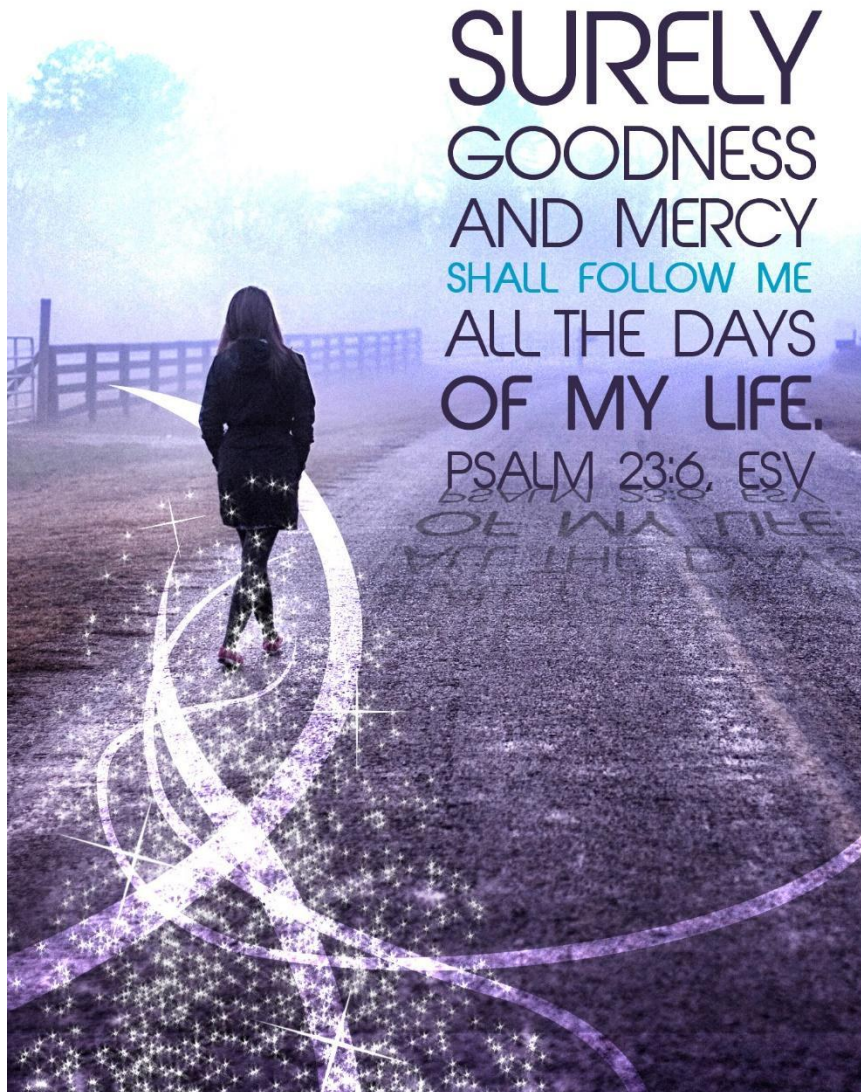


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*“To all who mourn and need comfort,
to all who are tired and need rest,
to all who are lonely and need companionship,
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,
this church opens wide its doors.”*

Tappahannock Memorial UMC

4th Sunday of Easter

“Enduring With Our Shepherd”

April 30, 2023

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; Psalm 23 (UMH 754); John 10:1-10

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Prelude

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

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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

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” (V. 1-3)

UMH # 295

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o’er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers
round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o’er take me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me.
Lo! It glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.

* Call to Worship:

Hear Jesus’ great truth:

I am the gate for the sheep!

We recognize this voice.

We’ve heard these words before.

Come in! You belong here!

You are safe and cared for here!

We recognize the voice of our shepherd.

Follow and find green pastures and still waters!

We hear his voice.

I come to give life and give it abundantly.

Come one, come all!

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* **Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Risen Savior, Reliable Shepherd, we hear your voice calling us to follow. We remember our ancient brothers and sisters who gathered in prayer and praise. Today we too gather in prayer and praise. Enliven us with your resurrection power – a power that frees us from despair. Enliven us with your abundant life. May your living power flow through us in all we are and do! Amen.

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Prayer of Confession

Loving Savior, Shepherd with the voice we know, be with us when we stray. For we often hear the voices of strangers and follow them to dry pastures and dark valleys. We forget your voice of love and begin to feel small and lost. We fear that we will not have enough to go on, much less have a surplus to offer others. And yet you know us by heart and by name. Call us once again. Restore our souls. Walk ahead of us on the right paths, and we will follow you. Remembering your voice, 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 2:42-47

pg. 120

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

*“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”*

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

Glory Ringers

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*** Psalter**

Psalm 23

UMH # 754

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,**
leads me beside still waters,

³ restores my life,

leads me in right paths

for the sake of the Lord’s name.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

as long as I live.

*** 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 10:1-10

pg. 103

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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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

“Enduring With Our Shepherd”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“The King of My Shepherd Is” (V. 1 and 6)

UMH # 138

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.
6. And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

*** 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.

A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church, *United Methodist Hymnal*, no. 884. Adapt. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House. Used by permission.

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 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 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

"Mighty to Save" with "Jesus Saves"

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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**

“The Power of the Cross” (V. 1 and 4)

W&S # 3085

1. Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This the power of the cross; Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.
2. Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through your selfless love!
This the power of the cross, Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

“I’ll Fly Away”

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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, Chuck Harding Jr., Bill Hendricks, Josh Hodges, Sarah Hundley, Paige Klemm, Carolyn Lewis, Dolly Loomis & family, Bill Loser The Family of Mike Martin, Mildred, 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 the people of Sudan during this time of war, everyone around the world as we fight the spread of COVID-19, 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 | 4th Sunday of Easter Worship Service w/ Glory Ringers |
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| Monday: | 9:45 AM - 5:00 PM 7:00 PM | African Children's Choir Finance Meeting |
| Tuesday: | 8:45 AM - 5:00 PM | African Children's Choir |
| Wednesday: | 8:45 AM - 2:00 PM 10:30 AM 6:30 PM | African Children's Choir Wednesday Morning Group Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday: | 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM | VCU On-Site Mobile Health & Wellness |
| Friday: | 7:00 AM - 5:00PM | St. Maragret's AP Testing |
| Sunday, May 7 th : | 8:45 AM 10:00 AM | Glory Ringers Rehearsal 5 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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