

*Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church*

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I will
fear no evil:
for
thou art
with me...

Psalm 23:4, KJV

*“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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

“Thou Art With Me”

Acts 9:36-43; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

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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

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

UMH #381

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
4. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

* Call To Worship

The God of love and grace invites us in.

Blessed be the God of love!

The God of power and might welcomes us here.

Glory to God on high!

The God of wisdom and truth speaks to us now.

Praise the One who speaks truth to our hearts!

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Shepherding God, guide us in this time of worship.

Help us receive your wisdom

and respond with lives of faithful discipleship.

Walk closely with us

and help us feel your constant presence,

both now and forevermore. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

God of love and grace, we yearn for a world

where love and grace guide our steps

and bless our days.

We dream of families and communities

led by love and guided by grace.

Yet, division, danger, and death

interrupt our dreams and dampen our hopes for our lives.

Comfort us in our sorrow.

Heal us in our troubles.

Protect us in this dangerous world.

Unify us with your love and grace,

that we might offer your abundant love

and amazing grace,

everywhere we go. 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 9:36-43

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³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas.^h She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So

Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Scripture

Revelation 7:9-17

pg. 249

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Lamb Of God”

Choir

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* Psalter

Psalms 23

UMH #754

Response 2: The Good Shepherd comes that we may have life and have it abundantly.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,

leads me beside still waters,

restores my life,

leads me in right paths

for the sake of the Lord's name.

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.**

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You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
**you anoint my head with oil,
my cup overflows.**

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.**

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*** 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**

John 10:22-30

pg. 104

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.^c ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

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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

"Thou Art With Me"

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

UMH #474

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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*** Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

UMH #880

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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 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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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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

"Marching To Zion"

UMH #733

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King

may speak their joys abroad, my speak their joys abroad.
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.
4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emanuel's ground, we're marching through Emanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

*** 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**

“He's Got The Whole World”

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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, Nancy Brumfield, Davidson Burgess, the family of Sally Conway, Jean Edwards, the family of Janet Foley, the family of Ron Geiger, 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, 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

Today, May 11th:	10:00 AM	Mother's Day
		Fourth Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday, May 13th:	6:00 PM	Choir
Wednesday, May 14th:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, May 18th:	10:00 AM	Fifth 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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