

***Tappahannock Memorial  
United Methodist Church***

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“YOU ARE WITNESSES  
OF  
THESE  
THINGS.”

**LUKE 24:48**

*“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

“Testify”

April 14, 2024

Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

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Prelude

“*Dona Nobis Pacem*”

### 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

“*Where He Leads Me*”

UMH #338

1. I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling, “Take thy cross and follow, follow me.”  
Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow; I’ll go with him, with him all the way.
2. I’ll go with him through the garden, I’ll go with him through the garden,  
I’ll go with him through the garden, I’ll go with him, with him all the way.  
Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow; I’ll go with him, with him all the way.
3. I’ll go with him through the judgment, I’ll go with him through the judgment,  
I’ll go with him through the judgment, I’ll go with him, with him all the way.  
Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow; I’ll go with him, with him all the way.
4. He will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory,  
he will give me grace and glory, and go with me, with me all the way.  
Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow; I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

### \* Call to Worship:

Turn to Christ,

**who calls us here.**

Place your trust in God,

**who protects our lives.**

Lean into Spirit,

**as we worship in Spirit and truth.**

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**\* Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

God of miracles and truth,  
    bless us, as we gather for worship,  
        with the power of your Holy Spirit.  
Reveal your presence in our midst  
    and open our hearts and minds  
        to receive your miraculous love.  
Strengthen our faith this day,  
    that we may go forth as witnesses  
        of your miraculous love. Amen.

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**Prayer of Yearning**

**Answer us, O God, as we turn to you  
    for mercy and strength.  
Listen to the yearnings of our hearts  
    and the regret of our lives.  
Comfort us in our distress  
    and pour your grace into our lives.  
Redeem us with your love,  
    that we might rise with Christ,  
        newborn and vibrantly alive.  
Grant us the confidence  
    to witness to your life-giving love. 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.**

**Reception of New Members**

**UMH # 38-39**

**Children's Time**

**Pastor Becca**

**Scripture**

**Acts 3:12-19**

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*<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom*

you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

**Scripture**

**1 John 3:1-7**

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<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

**“Lord God Almighty”**

**Choir**

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**\*Psalter**

**Psalm 4**

**UMH #741**

**Response: There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole.**

**R**

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

**You have given me room when I was in distress.**

**Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.**

How long, O People, shall my honor suffer shame?

**How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

But know that the Lord has set apart the righteous as God’s own;

**the Lord hears when I call.**

**R**

Be angry, but do not sin;

**commune with your own hearts in your beds, and be silent.**

Offer right sacrifices,

**and put your trust in the Lord.**

There are many who say, “O that we might see some good!

**Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord!”**

You have put more joy in my heart

than they have when their grain and wine abound.

**In peace I will both lie down and sleep;**

**for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

**R**

*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 24:36b-48

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*<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.*

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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**

“Testify”

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

\* Hymn of Response

“Christ Has Risen”

TFWS #2115

1. Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died, as he said and all as he promised, as we doubted and denied. Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer; let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!
2. Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save; Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grade his grave. Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room. He whose word inspired creation can’t be silenced by the tomb.
3. Christ has risen to companion former friends who fear the night, sensing loss and limitation where their faith had once burned bright. They bemoan what is no longer, they expect no hopeful sign till Christ ends their conversation, breaking bread and sharing wine.
4. Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange. Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been- evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

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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

### 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

*"Amazing Grace"*

### \* 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

*"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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### \* Benediction

*"Alleluia, Amen"*

\*UMH 901

Alleluia, amen, amen.

### \* Postlude

*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

# Thank you for joining us in worship!

## PRAYER LIST

Wright Andrews, the family of Betty Ball, Eddie Bliss, Bob Burke, Faye Brooks, the family of Woody Campbell, George Croxton, Carole Croxton and the family of Bill Evans, Roxanne Griffith, Madeline Hawkins, Bill Hendricks, Lauma Hill, Cindy Huber, Betty Gregory, Shirley Johnson, Carolyn Lewis, Bill Loser, Ron Lucas, Tawana Murry, the family of Don Nicholas, Leslie Shaver, Mary Lou Simpson, Rev. John Tate, Chuck & Olivia Wachsmuth, the family of Bishop Timothy Whitaker, and Betty Whitten. 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, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan during this time of war.

**MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS:** SSGT Jonathan Simpson, SA Ethan Minor, Will Hollins at Marine Boot Camp.

## PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jim Climaldi, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer,  
Carol Nicholas, Edna Parrish and Jean Rhines.

*\* Please contact the office for the phone number or address for these members of our church family.*

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

<b>Today:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
Tuesday, April 16 <sup>th</sup> :	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 17 <sup>th</sup> :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Friday, April 19 <sup>th</sup> :		Newsletter Deadline
Saturday, April 20 <sup>th</sup> :		Operation INASMUCH
Sunday, April 21 <sup>st</sup> :	10:00 AM	Fourth 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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