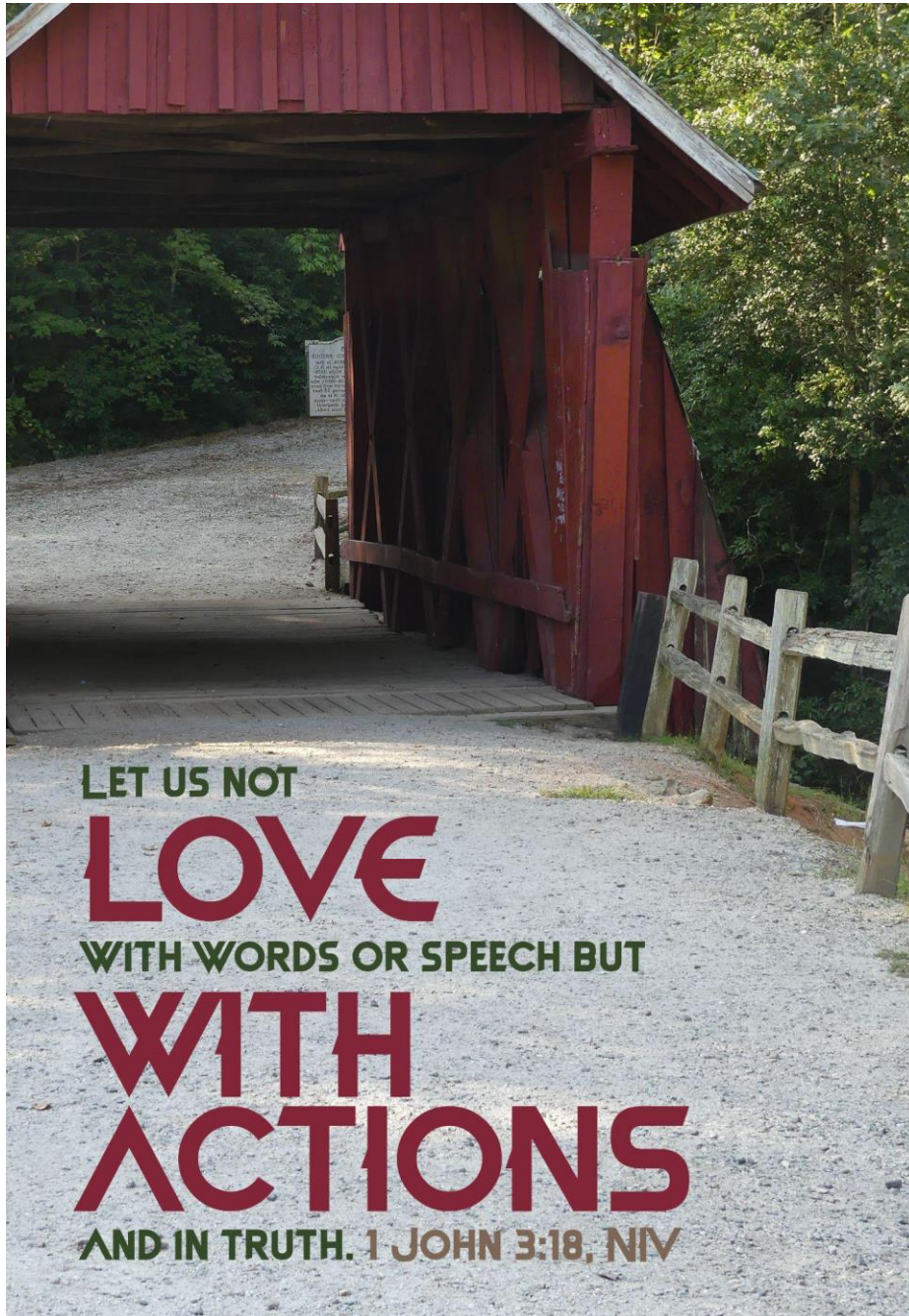


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LET US NOT
LOVE
WITH WORDS OR SPEECH BUT
WITH
ACTIONS
AND IN TRUTH. 1 JOHN 3:18, NIV

*“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

“Sacrificial Living”

April 21, 2024

Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10: 11-18

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Prelude

“My Jesus I Love Thee”

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 Gift Of Love”

UMH #408

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control.
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

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* Call to Worship:

The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.

We will love one another, as Christ Loves us.

Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Love, not merely in through and word, but in truth and action.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

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*** Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Shepherding God, guardian of our souls,
you offer us rest in the safety of green pastures.

Show us with your love,
and offer us fullness of life in your name.

When our spirits are parched,
you lead us beside still waters
and quench our thirst for righteousness;
you restores our souls
and heal our battered spirits.

Touch our hearts and minds,
that your goodness and mercy may follow us
every day of our lives.

May we abide in your love and grace
for all eternity. Amen.

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Prayer of Yearning

**Good Shepherd, help us become your bold acolytes,
lighting the way of your truth for all to see.**

**Help us choose honorable paths
through green pastures and still waters
amid the darkest valleys of our lives.**

**For you are greater than our fears
and you know how to bring us peace.**

**As you laid down your life for us,
may we strive to live for others.**

**We choose you this day,
for no other name under heaven
inspires us to greater joy. 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 4:5-12****pg. 121**

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Scripture**1 John 3:16-24****pg. 240**

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem**“The Church’s One Foundation”****The Glory Ringers**

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Psalter*Psalm 23** (sung response 2)**UMH #754**

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

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The lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,

leads me besides 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.

R

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you amount 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 10:11-18

pg. 103

¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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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

“Sacrificial Living”

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

“Gentle Shepherd”

W&S #3096

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
for we need you to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day.
There’s no other we can turn to who can help us face another day;
gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.

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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

The Offering

Special Offering “Native American Ministries”

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

“Oh, How I Love Jesus”

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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**

“My Life Flows On”

TFWS #2212

1. My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I heart that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

3. What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springeth!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

* **Benediction**

“Alleluia, Amen”

***UMH 901**

Alleluia, amen, amen.

* **Postlude**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

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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, Tinker Fornash, 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: 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

Today:	10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday of Easter
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday, April 23 rd :	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 24 th :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Saturday, April 27 th :	9:00 AM	Fishin' Fun Club Planning Meeting
Sunday, April 28 th :	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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