

***Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church***

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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

Good Friday

“A Crucified King”

March 29, 2024

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

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Gathering

Please gather in silence.

Welcome & Announcements

Good evening. 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 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

“Go To Dark Gethsemane” (vs. 1-3)

UMH #290

1. Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour.
Turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
2. See him at the judgment hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross.
3. Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

* Call to Worship:

In sorrow, we gather this day.

Even now, we proclaim our hope in Christ.

In remembrance of his suffering, we gather to worship.

Even now, we find rest in the courage of Christ.

In contemplation and reflection, we gather to pray.

Our faith and confidence in Christ are sure.

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* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of suffering and sorrow,

remind us that we are not alone

in our suffering and our sorrow.

Open our hearts to Christ's passion,

to his suffering and sorrow,
that we may find the wisdom and strength
to face our own trials and suffering. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession

**God of comfort and love, be with us amidst our sorrow.
Draw us near to your love,
for we live in a world full of hate and anger.
Grant us the courage, mighty God,
to endure the trials of this life.
Grant us faith to embrace hope,
even in moments of despair.
Sing your Spirit into our lives,
that we may sing your praises,
even on this day of deep grief. 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.

Scripture

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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¹³See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. ¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals— ¹⁵so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

¹Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. ⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not

open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Scripture

Hebrews 10:16-25

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¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” ¹⁷he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Psalter

Psalm 22

UMH #752

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Why are you so far from helping me, from the words
of my groaning?**

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you, the praise of Israel,
are enthroned in holiness.

**In you our forebears trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not disappointed.

But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they wag their heads;

“He committed his cause to the Lord;

let the Lord deliver him.
Let the Lord rescue him,
for the Lord delights in him!”
**Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.**
Upon you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me, you have been my God.
**Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is none to help.**
Many bulls encompass me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
**they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.**
I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax,
it is melted within my breast;
my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue cleaves to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
Indeed, dogs surround me;
**a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet -**
I can count all my bones -
they stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them,
and for my raiment, they cast lots.
From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who worship the Lord.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
**those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord!
May your hearts live for ever!**
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;
**and all the families of the nations
shall worship before the Lord.**
For dominion belongs to the Lord
who rules over the nations.
**All who sleep in the earth
shall bow down to the Lord.**
All who go down to the dust shall bow before the Lord,
and I shall live for God.
Posterity shall serve the Lord;
each generation shall tell of the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.

Surely the Lord has done it.

*** 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 18:1-19:42

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¹After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" ⁵They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. ⁷Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. ¹¹Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?" ¹²So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. ¹⁵Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. ¹⁹Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." ²²When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" ²⁴Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. ²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. ²⁸Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." ³²(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) ³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered,

“My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”

³⁷*Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”* ³⁸*Pilate asked him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him.”* ³⁹*But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”* ⁴⁰*They shouted in reply, “Not this man, but Barabbas!”* Now Barabbas was a bandit.

¹*Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.* ²*And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe.* ³*They kept coming up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and striking him on the face.* ⁴*Pilate went out again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.”* ⁵*So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!”* ⁶*When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”* Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.” ⁷*The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”* ⁸*Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever.* ⁹*He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?”* But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰*Pilate therefore said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?”* ¹¹*Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”* ¹²*From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.”* ¹³*When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha.* ¹⁴*Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, “Here is your King!”* ¹⁵*They cried out, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!”* Pilate asked them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but the emperor.” ¹⁶*Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus;* ¹⁷*and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.* ¹⁸*There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.* ¹⁹*Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”* ²⁰*Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.* ²¹*Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’”* ²²*Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”* ²³*When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.* ²⁴*So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.”* This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.” ²⁵*And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.* ²⁶*When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.”* ²⁷*Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.”* And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. ²⁸*After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.”* ²⁹*A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.* ³⁰*When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.”* Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. ³¹*Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men*

broken and the bodies removed. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. ³⁵(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." ³⁷And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced." ³⁸After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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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

"A Crucified King"

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" (vs. 1 & 4)

UMH #298

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*** Affirmation of Faith**

World Methodist Social Affirmation

UMH # 886

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us,
who died and rose again;
and in the Holy Spirit,
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe;

God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's Kingdom;
in the upholding of human dignity and community;
in every expression of love, justice and reconciliation;

in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
in the abundance of God's gifts
entrusted to us that all may have enough;
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

**Glory be to God on high;
and on earth, peace .**

We confess our sin, individual and collective,

by silence or action:

through the violation of human dignity
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;
through the exploitation of people
because of greed and indifference
through the misuse of power
in personal, communal, national, and international life;
through the search for security
by those military and economic forces
that threaten human existence;
through the abuse of technology
which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

**Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy .**

We commit ourselves individually and as a community

to the way of Christ:

to take up the cross;
to seek abundant life for all humanity;
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,
praying that God's kingdom may come.

**Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.
Amen.**

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The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

*** Closing Hymn**

"Were You There"

UMH # 288

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

“O The Lamb”

Please depart in silence as we await the coming resurrection.

Thank you for joining us in worship!

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