

*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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### “Sacrificial Living”

April 28, 2024

Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

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#### Prelude

#### “Open Our Eyes Lord”

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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 worshiping 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

#### “Christ Is Alive”

UMH #318

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now  
and dwell in every place and time.
3. Not throned afar, remotely high,  
untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life,  
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.
4. In every insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
he suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, though ever crucified.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and all creation ring with joy,  
with justice, love, and praise.

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**\* Call to Worship:**

As members of Christ's tree of life,  
**we are connected, in love, to God.**

As members of Christ's tree of life,  
**we are connected, in love, to one another.**

As members of Christ's tree of life,  
**we strengthen our connection through worship.**

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**\* Opening Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Loving God, send your Spirit among us now.

Bind us to you in love this day,  
that we may worship in unity and friendship.

Bind us to you in love this hour,  
that we may be strengthened  
to bring abundant love to your world.

In love and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

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**Prayer of Confession**

**Speak truth to our hearts, O God.**

**Speak love to our lives,  
that we may remain in your love  
and share your love joyously with others.**

**Speak grace to our souls,  
that we may rest in your grace  
and forgive others as we have been forgiven.**

**Speak mercy to our world,  
that all the world may know your love  
and find redemption in your grace.**

**In hope and trust, 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**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Scripture****Acts 8:26-40****pg. 127**

<sup>26</sup>Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." <sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**Scripture****1 John 4:7-21****pg. 241**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

**"Standing On The Promises"**

**The Glory Ringers**

**\*Psalter**

**Psalm 22:25-31** (sung response 2)

**UMH #752**

**Response 2: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.**

**R**

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 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.**

**R**

**\* 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 15:1-8**

**pg. 109**

*<sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.*

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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**

**"So He Got Up And Went"**

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

**\* Hymn of Response**

**"Baptized In Water"**

**TFWS #2248**

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.
2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;

born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.  
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## **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.**

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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**

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**

***“For The Beauty Of The Earth”***

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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**

***“Lord, I Want To Be A Christian”***

**UMH #402**

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart, Lord I want to be more loving in my heart.
3. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

**\* Benediction**

***“Alleluia, Amen”***

**\*UMH 901**

Alleluia, amen, amen.

**\* Postlude**

***“Standing On The Promises”***

**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, Tinker Fornash, Roxanne Griffith, Madeline Hawkins, Bill Hendricks, Lauma Hill, Cindy Huber, Betty Gregory, Shirley Johnson, Carolyn Lewis, Bill Loser, Ron Lucas, Tawana Murry, Carol Nicholas and 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

**PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS**

Lee Black, Barbara Brooks, Jim Climaldi, Jean Edwards, Cecile Farmer,  
Don and 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>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
Tuesday, April 30 <sup>th</sup> :	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 1 <sup>st</sup> :	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
Sunday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> :	10:00 AM	Sixth 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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