

Join us on Facebook at “AndrewChapelUMCVA” for Sunday Worship. 21st Sunday After Pentecost,
October 25th at 10:00 a.m.

This Service will also be posted on our webpage at “andrewchapelumc.org”

Here is the Order of Worship for our online worship experience.

*Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take
up their cross and follow me.”*

Matthew 16:24

Greeting and Welcome

Prelude Music

Call to Worship (Based on 1 Thessalonians 2)

Leader: We do not gather in vain, for God is working in our hearts.

All: The love of Jesus Christ calls us together.

Leader: Our worship strengthens and empowers us to share the gospel.

All: The love of Jesus Christ shines in our lives.

Leader: Proclaim the good news with boldness.

All: The love of Jesus Christ is at work in the world!

Opening Prayer

All: God, you are God forever. This alone is cause for celebration, but we also know that we are your people! As we feel your love washing over us now, may we love you with every part of our being: heart, mind, body, and soul. We celebrate your love in our lives, and we ask for your help as we try our best to boldly share the good news of your love with others. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who models the way for us. Amen.

Opening Hymn of Praise “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” UMH #89. Text: Henry Van Dyke
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1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:34-46 (NRSV)

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' "?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Greatest Tweet" Rev. Matthew B. Sergent

Response to the Word

Sung Response to the Word "The Gift of Love" UMH #408 Words: Hal Hopson, 1992 (1 Cor. 13:1-3). Music: Trad. English melody; adapt, by Hal Hopson, 1992. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

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.

Prayers of the People

Stewardship Moment "The Courageous Gift"

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #94 UMH Words: Thomas Ken 1674, adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978. Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn "Together We Serve" TFWS #2175 Words and Music by: Daniel Charles Damon.
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1. Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.

2. We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

3. We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

4. Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

Benediction

Pastor: Go to celebrate the God who is our home forever.

All: God's love goes with us!

Pastor: Go to follow Christ's example in loving God, self, and neighbor.

All: God's love goes with us!

Pastor: Go with the Holy Spirit to change the world with love.

All: God's love goes with us!

Postlude