

Join us on Facebook at “AndrewChapelUMCVA” for Sunday Worship,
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 31st 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 said] “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and
with all your mind, and with all your strength.”

Mark 12:30

Greeting and Welcome

Prelude Music

Call to Worship

Leader: We are called to follow Jesus.

All: But following Jesus isn't easy.

Leader: No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

All: It will change our whole lives.

Leader: Come, all of you. Come and learn of the Lord Jesus.

All: Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance.

Opening Prayer

All: Lord, we have come this day to hear your words of healing love and hope. Enter our hearts and our spirits and teach us to follow you. Give us courage and strength to be your faithful disciples. Amen.

Opening Hymn of Praise “Come, Christians Join to Sing” UMH #158 Words: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843. Music: Trad. melody; arr: by Benjamin Carr, 1824. harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1963. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

1. Come, Christians, join to sing

Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high,

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet the Lord again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore:
Alleluia! Amen!

Litany of Faith

Leader: In quietness and darkness, in peace and confusion, Jesus Christ wants to make his home and meet his friends. He is the light of life:

All: He is the hope for the world.

Leader: In him there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither Roman Catholic nor Protestant;

All: All are one in Jesus Christ.

Leader: He is the light of life:

All: He is the hope of the world.

Leader: In him there is neither black nor white, neither north nor south;

All: All are one in Jesus Christ.

Leader: He is the light of life:

All: He is the hope of the world.

Leader: In him there is neither male nor female, neither master nor servant;

All: All are one in Jesus Christ.

Leader: He is the light of life:

All: He is the hope of the world.

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—*The Iona Community Worship Book* (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 1991), 92.

Hymn "Take Up Thy Cross" UMH #415 Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814-1877

Music: William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

1. "Take up thy Cross," the Savior said,
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me."

2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

4. Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Gospel Reading Mark 8:27-38 (NRSV)

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸ And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹ He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Adventure Stories in the Gospel of Mark: The Way of the Cross" Rev. Matthew Sergent

Prayers of the People

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Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The host of God in unity combine.

Refrain:

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

Refrain:

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou has promised, draw the world to thee.

Refrain:

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain:

Benediction

Go in peace and know that God walks with you on this journey. Bring the good news of Christ's healing love to all whom you meet. Amen.

Postlude