

Join us on Facebook at "AndrewChapelUMCVA" for Sunday Worship, Easter Sunday
April 4th 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.

"He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said."

1 Corinthians 15:4

Prelude

First Light of Easter

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Opening Hymn of Praise "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" UMH#302 (verses 1-4). Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788. Music: Lyra Davidica, 1708. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

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Prayers of the People

Hymn "Thine Be the Glory" UMH #308. Words: Edmund L. Budry; trans. by R. Birch Hoyle.
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**1. Thine be the glory,
risen conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes
where thy body lay.**

Refrain:

**Thine be the glory
Risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won**

**2. Lo! Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting.**

Refrain:

**No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.**

Refrain:

Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-7 (NRSV)

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "He Still Moves Stones" Rev. Matthew Sergent

A Litany for Easter: Roll Back the Stone

When we are all despairing,
when the world is full of grief,
when we see no way ahead
and hope has gone away:

Roll back the stone.

Although we fear change,
although we are not ready,
although we'd rather weep
and run away:

Roll back the stone.

Because we're coming with the women,
because we hope where hope is vain,
because you call us from the grave
and show the way:

Roll back the stone.

(Written by Janet Morley. Posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the Christian Aid website. <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>)

Pastor: The Stone has been rolled away! The Tomb is empty! This is a morning of Joy! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn "The Day of Resurrection" UMH #303. *Words: John of Damascus; trans. by John Mason Neale. Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

1. The day of resurrection!

Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil,

that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful!

Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

Benediction

Go forth as God's chosen witnesses, to proclaim all you have heard and seen and experienced.

We go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

Go forth sustained by God's steadfast love.

We go forth transformed and transforming.

Go forth with shouts of joy! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Sung Response "He Lives" UMH #310 Words and Music: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

1. I serve a risen Savior,

he's in the world today;
I know that he is living,
whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy,
I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him,
he's always near.

Refrain: He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives)
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives)
salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

Postlude