

Join us on Facebook at “AndrewChapelUMCVA” for Sunday Worship,
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 17th 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 (Based on Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8)

Praise God, who loves us all.

Praise God, who is full of mercy and compassion.

Praise God, who loves us well.

Praise God, who creates honesty and justice.

Praise God, who invites us to love.

Praise God, who loves through us and our actions.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, love through us, as we worship your holy name. Love through us, as we listen
for your holy word. Love through us, as we live your teachings and offer your love to our world.
In your majestic name, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn of Praise “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” UMH #400 Text: Robert
Robinson, 1735-1790 Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second. *Reprinted with
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1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Prayer of Confession (Based on 1 Corinthians 8, Mark 1)

When we cry out with words that hurt, silence our cries and speak gently through our words. When we act in ways that hurt, even when help is intended, transform our hurtful actions with your grace. When we forget that we are loved and called to love, love us back into your likeness, that your love might flow freely through us and bring your love to the world. In your holy presence of love, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Based on Ps 111, 1 Corinthians 8)

Full of mercy and compassion, God knows us to the core of our being, and loves us through all of our days. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Children's Moment

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Refrain:

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1. You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.
(*Refrain*)

2. In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.
(Refrain)

3. Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.
(Refrain)

4. You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.
(Refrain)

Gospel Reading Mark 2:1-12 (NRSV)

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³ Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? ¹⁰ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." ¹² And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Adventure Stories in the Gospel of Mark: Removing Barriers" Rev. Matthew Sergent

Prayers of the People

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1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

Refrain:

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.

2. Let me at thy throne of mercy
find a sweet relief,
kneeling there in deep contrition;
help my unbelief.
(Refrain)

3. Trusting only in thy merit,
would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit,
save me by thy grace.
(Refrain)

4. Thou the spring of all my comfort,
more than life to me,
whom have I on earth beside thee?
Whom in heaven but thee?
(Refrain)

Benediction

Go now to love as beloved children of God. Go now to live as living signs of Christ's presence. Go now to transform the world with the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude