

Join us on Facebook at “AndrewChapelUMCVA” for Sunday Worship, First Sunday in Lent  
February 21<sup>st</sup> 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] “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly”

John 10:10

### ***Greeting and Welcome***

### ***Prelude Music***

### ***Call to Worship***

Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

**Happy are those who receive God’s mercy.**

Rejoice and be glad, you upright in heart.

**Shout for joy, you people of God.**

Let us worship the one who gives us strength

to resist temptation in the wilderness of our lives.

### ***Opening Prayer***

**Walk with us, faithful traveler, as we journey with Christ through the season of Lent. Help us overcome the temptations we face each and every day. Save us from the time of trial, and send your angels to minister to us in times of weakness. Raise us to newness of life, through the gift of your Spirit and the love of your Son. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn of Praise*** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” UMH #110 Words: Martin Luther  
Trans. by Frederick H. Hedge Music: Martin Luther Harmony from The New Hymnal for  
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1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth, his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,  
thru him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever.

### ***Prayer of Confession***

**Holy One, we do not always face temptation well. We settle for loaves of bread when our souls long for bread that does not perish. We put you to the test, seeking signs of your favor, when we should “be still” and rest in the knowledge that you are God. We place our trust in leaders who make promises they cannot deliver, when we should be putting our faith in you.**

**Forgive us, O God, and help us be found worthy of your calling, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### ***Words of Assurance***

When we acknowledge our failings before God, God wipes away our shame. Receive forgiveness and mercy, through the gift of God's grace in Christ.

### ***Special Music***

***Lenten Bag Symbols for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent*** Elaina Greenway

**Hymn** "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" TFWS #2112 Words and Music: American Folk Hymn. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley;  
He had to walk it by himself.  
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;  
He had to walk it by himself.

2. We must walk this lonesome valley;  
We have to walk it by ourselves.  
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;  
We have to walk it by ourselves.

3. You must go and stand your trial;  
You have to stand it by yourself.  
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;  
You have to stand it by yourself.

**Gospel Reading** Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." 4 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

11 and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

12 Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Vetted" Rev. Matt Sergent

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn** "Precious Name" UMH #536. Words: *Lydia Baxter*. Music: *William H. Doane*  
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1. Take the name of Jesus with you,  
child of sorrow and of woe;  
it will joy and comfort give you;  
take it then, where'er you go.

Refrain:

Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

2. Take the name of Jesus ever,  
as a shield from every snare;  
if temptations round you gather,  
breathe that holy name in prayer.  
(Refrain)

3. O the precious name of Jesus!  
How it thrills our souls with joy,  
when his loving arms receive us,  
and his songs our tongues employ!  
(Refrain)

4. At the name of Jesus bowing,  
falling prostrate at his feet,  
King of kings in heaven we'll crown him,  
when our journey is complete.  
(Refrain)

**Benediction**

Though life is full of temptation, God will see us through.

**We rejoice in the one who strengthens us.**

Though life is full of times of trial, Christ walks with us every step of the way.

**We rejoice in the one who shares our journey.**

Though life is full of obstacles to faith, the Spirit eases our burden.

**We rejoice in the one who leads us home.**  
Go with God.

***Postlude***

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