

Join us on Facebook at “AndrewChapelUMCVA” for Sunday Worship, Second Sunday after  
Easter  
April 11<sup>th</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.

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

1 Corinthians 15:4

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

### ***Prelude Music***

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

We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

### ***Opening Prayer***

God of the resurrection, we gather this morning as a community of believers. We come with joy to greet one another and to tell again and again the amazing news: Christ is risen! Love is victorious over death! You have given us new life in the name of your Son! May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming be a testimony to the power of your love to make us a new creation as a community of faith. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

***Opening Hymn of Praise*** “Christ is Alive” UMH #318 (verses 1,2,3, and 5). Words: Brian Wren, 1968, alt. Music: Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now,  
and conquer every place and time.

3. Not throned above, remotely high,  
untouched, unmoved by human pains  
but daily, in the midst of life,  
our Savior, with the Father reigns.

5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns  
through this and every future age,  
till all creation lives and learns  
his joy, his justice, love and praise.

### ***Easter Affirmation of Faith***

As Easter people, we believe God is Lord of both life and death.

We believe that in an astounding act of grace, Jesus suffered and died on the cross to save us from our sins.

We believe, three days later, Jesus was raised from the dead, promising us salvation, not because we deserve it, but out of love, through grace.

We believe we are called to respond to that gift of grace, not out of duty, but in gratitude, to seek peace, care for the ill, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, empower the oppressed and welcome the outcast; to carry on Christ's work until he comes again.

Because, as Easter people, we are confident Christ will come again.

Alleluia! Amen.

***Gloria Patri*** "Glory Be to the Father" UMH #70 Words: Lesser Doxology, 3<sup>rd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> cent. Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

***Hymn*** "Christ Has Risen" TFWS #2115 (verses 1, 3 and 4). Words: John Bell. Music: William Moore. Words © 1988 WGRG The Iona Community (Scotland), admin. By GIA Publications, Inc. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

**1. Christ has risen while earth slumbers,  
Christ has risen where hope died,  
as he said and as he promised,  
as we doubted and denied.  
Let the moon embrace the blessing;  
let the sun sustain the cheer;**

**let the world confirm the rumor.  
Christ is risen, God is here!**

**3. Christ has risen to companion  
former friends who fear the night,  
sensing loss and limitation  
where their faith had once burned bright.  
They bemoan what is no longer,  
they expect no hopeful sign  
till Christ ends their conversation,  
breaking bread and sharing wine.**

**4. Christ has risen and forever  
lives to challenge and to change  
all whose lives are messed or mangled,  
all who find religion strange.  
Christ is risen. Christ is present  
making us what he has been –  
evidence of transformation  
in which God is known and seen.**

***Gospel Reading*** John 20:19-31(NRSV)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of our Lord and Savior.

**Praise be to you O Christ.**

*Sermon* "Peace Be with You" Rev. Matthew Sergent

### ***Prayers of the People***

*Hymn* "Lift High the Cross" UMH #159. Words: Brian Wren, 1978; alt. (1987). Music: Carlton R. Young, 1984. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

### ***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 hosts 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 hast 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 now with the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Go to share your faith and your lives.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Go to proclaim the good news of Easter.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**

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