

**Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 23, 2022

10:00am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Prelude Lana Zoltowski
Meditation on "Beach Spring"
by Gilbert M. Martin

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 19) Betsy Noel

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

Many: the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

One: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

Many: the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

One: the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

Many: We worship our God with thanksgiving and praise!

Opening Hymn 575
Come and Find the Quiet Center

Opening Prayer Betsy

O God who strengthens us when we are weak, we gather to hear your word for us this day, to come to you in prayer, and to sing songs of praise to you. We're grateful that we can trust that you are always with us, for your constant presence and care for us each day of our lives. Help us to live our lives in ways that demonstrate our embodiment of your goodness. In this persistent time of Covid, show us the way of proclaiming your word, your favor, your hope. In your many holy names we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Betsy
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the

sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

One: A word from God for the people of God. **Many: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Hymn

River of Mercy

(Please share your prayer concerns & joys with Rev. Dawn at revdawn@montevista.org.)

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Rev. Dawn

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother. Holy is your name. May your love be embodied in the world. May your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Protect us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Moment

Rev. Dawn

Sermon Text

Luke 4:14-21

Rev. Dawn

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Sermon

"God's Transforming Favor"

Rev. Dawn

Special Music

Just As I Am

Vista Bells

arr. by Jason W. Krug

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Linda Currin

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Communion Hymn

In Remembrance of Me

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Words of Institution

Rev. Dawn

Prayers for the Elements

Gerri Warner

Receiving Communion Together as One Body in Christ

(Everyone is encouraged to take Communion at the same time as signaled.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Dawn
Closing Hymn	<i>We Are Called to Follow Jesus</i>	465
Benediction		Rev. Dawn
Postlude	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> by William M. Runyan; arr. by Douglas E. Wagner	Lana

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| Worship Leader: Betsy Noel                                     | Michael Cooke & Laurel Deming, Song Leaders |
| Wally Miller, Sound                                            | Frank Shaffer, Livestream                   |
| Lana Zoltowski, Organist/Pianist                               | Rev. Meredyth Jones, Associate Minister     |
| Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol, Senior Minister, Preaching & Presiding |                                             |

## 575 Come and Find the Quiet Center

*Unison* F B $\flat$  C7

1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we  
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the  
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's

F F B $\flat$

lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the  
pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our  
pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -

C7 F Am7

frame where we are freed: clear the cha - os and the  
be - ing, touch - es base, mak - ing space with - in our  
brate the space we gain: there's a place for deep - est

Dm Am7 Dm Am7 B $\flat$  (C7)

clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the  
think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing  
dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the

F B $\flat$  C7 F

things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.  
cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.  
Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare!

# River of Mercy

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♩=100

1. Mer - cy, com - pas - sion, kind - ness and love,  
 2. Thirst - y, hun - gry, strang - ers in need.  
 3. Je - sus, Son of God, Sav - ior and Lord,

jus - tice, for - give - ness, poured out from a - bove.  
 Lone - ly, out - cast, pris - on - ers to free.  
 Might - y Prince of Peace, the One we a - dore.

There's a ri - ver of mer - cy flow - ing on high.

Wa - ters of jus - tice cross the sky. There's a

riv - er of mer - cy that shines in the night, a

riv - er of mer - cy that flows through you and

I. through our lives.

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In Remembrance of Me

B $\flat$  Dm E $\flat$  F E $\flat$

1. In re - mem - brance of me, eat this bread. In re -  
 2. (In re -) mem - brance of me, heal the sick. In re -

E $\flat$  Cm F F7 Gm E $\flat$

mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re - mem - brance of me,  
 mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re - mem - brance of me,

A $\flat$  F B $\flat$  Dm <sup>1</sup> E $\flat$ 9 F7Sus

pray for the time when God's own will is done. In re -  
 o - pen the door and let your neigh - bor

<sup>2</sup> E $\flat$ 9 F7 B $\flat$  G $\flat$  B $\flat$

in, let them in. Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed;

WORDS: Ragan Courtney, 1972  
 MUSIC: Buryl Red, 1972; arr. Robert F. Douglas

RED  
 Irr.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

G<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> G<sup>m</sup> F E<sup>b</sup>

drink and re-mem - ber too. That this is my bod-y and pre-cious

B<sup>b</sup> C C7 F7Sus F7 B<sup>b</sup>

blood shed for you, shed for you. In re-mem-brance of

D<sup>m</sup> E<sup>b</sup> F E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> C<sup>m</sup> F

me, search for truth. In re-mem-brance of me, al-ways love.

F7 G<sup>m</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F7Sus

In re-mem-brance of me, don't look a - bove, but in your heart

F7 B<sup>b</sup> F<sup>sus</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> C<sup>sus</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

*Optional ending (Choir or congregation)*

look for God. Do this in re-mem-brance of me.

# 465 We Are Called to Follow Jesus

Guitar capo: 1; play Em

Unison Em C D G Am7 D G Bm

1. When pain of the world sur-rounds us and fills us with des - pair,  
 2. We see with fear and trem - bling our: ach-ing world in need,  
 3. The church is a ho - ly ves - sel the liv-ing wa-ters fill  
 4. We praise you for our jour - ney and your a - bun-dant grace,

Em Am D Em G Am Bm

when search-ing just con-founds us with false hopes ev - 'ry - where,  
 con - fess-ing to each oth - er our waste-ful - ness and greed.  
 to nour-ish all its peo - ple God's pur-pose to ful - fill.  
 your sav-ing word that guid - ed a strug-gling hu-man race.

G D Cmaj7 Am Dsus D

when lives are starved for mean - ing and des - ti - ny is bare,  
 May we with stead - fast car - ing the hun - gry chil - dren feed.  
 May we with hum - ble cour - age be o - pen to God's will.  
 O God with all cre - a - tion, your fu - ture we em - brace.

WORDS and MUSIC: Jim Strathdee, 1978

WE ARE CALLED  
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Em D C Am Gmaj7 Cmaj7 Am Em

we are called to fol-low Je - sus and let God's heal-ing  
 We are called to fol-low Je - sus and let God's jus-tice  
 We are called to fol-low Je - sus and let God's Spir - it  
 We are called to fol-low Je - sus and let God's chang-es

G D Em D Em *after v. 4 only*  
*rit.* Em D C Am

flow through us.  
 flow through us.  
 flow through us.  
 flow through us.

We are called to fol-low

Gmaj7 Cmaj7 Am Em G D Em D Em

Je - sus and let God's chang-es flow through us.