Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 3501 Campus Blvd. NE Albuquerque, NM 87106

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024 10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Prelude

Prelude on "Tunbridge"

Paulette McClellan

by Healey Willan

*Call to Worship

Linda Currin

One:

If you ask the sky who God is,

the sky will tell you of God's reach. Many:

One:

If you ask the day who God is,

the sun will tell you of God's warmth. Many:

One:

If you ask the night who God is,

Many: the moon will tell you of God's comfort.

One:

The heavens are telling the glory of God. Are you listening?

Many:

We are listening.

One:

Let us sing of God's glory with holy reverence!

Many: Let us worship our God.

*Opening Prayer

Linda

One:

Holy God, for generations people have bowed their heads, they have prayed the

Psalms,

All:

they have sought your presence in their lives.

One:

For generations people have whispered, "May the words of my mouth and the

meditations of my heart

All:

be acceptable and pleasing to you, O God."

One:

For generations we have gathered here, we have quieted our minds,

All:

we have prayed to feel your presence in our midst.

One:

So once again, just as the generations before,

All:

we tune our hearts to you.

One:

Still our busy minds so that we might truly comprehend your word for us today.

All:

With listening ears and hope we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

Return to You Wandering Heart Theme Song *Candle Lighting Litany & Prayer

Anthony Sanchez's Care Group

Litany: As we light the third candle of our Lenten journey, may we believe that Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm, the voice of truth spoken over us, love without walls, justice for the weary, healing for the hurt, and welcome for the stranger. As the light on our path grows brighter, may our wandering hearts find our way through the challenges to our identity as Jesus' disciples proclaiming the way of Christ in the world.

Prayer: Holy God, we hear Jesus asking us "Who do you say that I am?" Fill us with boldness to join Peter in proclaiming Jesus as Messiah, son of the Living God. With Jesus as our teacher and friend, help us to find Jesus with us on the mountain, beside us in the valley, and among us in trenches of ministry. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 19

Linda

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the reverence of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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

Prayer Hymn

Let the Words of My Mouth

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(Please share your prayer concerns & joys with the office at office@montevista.org.)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dawn

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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.

Special Music Deep, Deep, Love Vista Voices

by H. Frombach, Lee Dengler

Sermon Text Matthew 16:13-20 Rev. Dawn

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Sermon "Wandering Heart: Praise the Mount" Rev. Dawn

Song of Response Here at the Peak (vv 1, 2)

Call to Confession Rev. Dawn

*Prayer of Confession Rev. Dawn

One: Holy God, some days we are quick to declare your goodness. Like Peter, we see you

in our midst and we are confident in our faith.

Many: Other days, we're distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers.

One: Some days we are quick to trust your blessings – trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.

Many: Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.

One: We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith. But for the days when

we are far from you and far from ourselves, we trust in your grace.

Many: Forgive us for the times we lose sight of you. Forgive us for the times

we lose sight of ourselves. Draw us closer to you and remind us of the

high moments of our faith. Amen.

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table Charlotte Hoppe

(Your tithes & offerings can be given via online donations on <u>our website</u>, on the <u>Givelify app</u>, or by mailing your check to the church office. Thank you.)

*Communion Hymn

We Place upon Your Table, Lord

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Words of Institution

Rev. Dawn

Prayers for the Elements

Charlotte

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

ABQ FaithWorks Update

Abbey Reed, Housing Director/Interim Executive Director

*Closing Hymn

The Church of Christ in Every Age

475 (vv 1, 2, 3)

*Benediction

Rev. Dawn

Postlude

Benedictus on "Sicilian Mariners"

Paulette

by Gordon Young

Worship Leader: Linda Currin Matthew Denman, Livestream Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist Wally Miller, Sound

Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol, Senior Minister, Preaching & Presiding

Return To You

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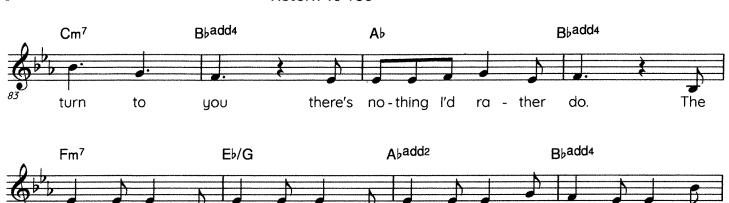
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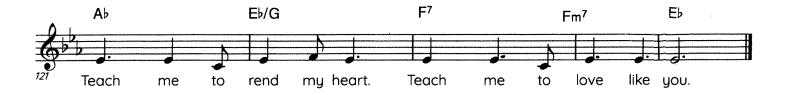
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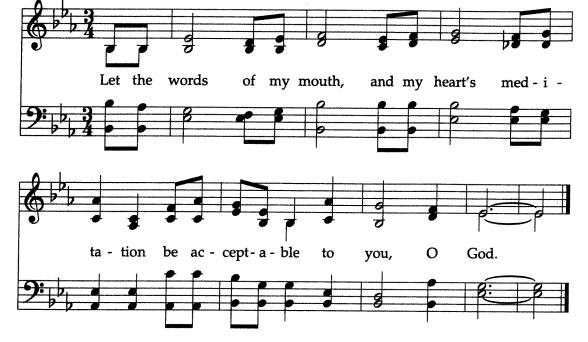












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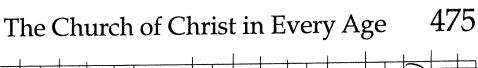
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