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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome Anne Loveless

Prelude Adagio from Fantasie in C Paulette McClellan

by César Franck

*Opening Hymn Blessed Assurance 543

*Call to Worship Anne

One: We live in the radiance of your glory.

Many: Our worship comes from the gladness you have put in our hearts.

One: We give you thanks for the peace of your salvation.

Many: Oh, hear the joy of our praise for your grace and mercy.

*Opening Prayer Anne

Blessed Savior, you keep showing up for us in unexpected places.

When we face uncertainty, you are there.

When we worry about our tomorrows, you are there.

And even in the doubt-filled lonely hours, you are there.

Hear our prayer of thanks for your constant love, which convinces us to sing aloud,

"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine." Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 4

Anne

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him. When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord. There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!" You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

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

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

Pastoral Prayer

Anne

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

We Live by Faith by Pepper Choplin

Vista Voices

Sermon Text

I John 3:1-7

Rev. Dr. Catherine Robinson

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

Sermon

"Becoming Like God"

Rev. Catherine

*Hymn of Response

Change My Heart, O God

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Linda Currin

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*Communion Hymn

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

Words of Institution

Bonnie Sanchez

Prayers for the Elements

Linda

Receiving Communion (by Intinction)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bonnie

*Closing Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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*Benediction

Rev. Catherine

Postlude

Fantasia on Lumen Christi, O filii et filiae, & Victimae Paschali laudes by Kenneth Lowenberg **Paulette**

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Anne Loveless, Worship Leader Wally Miller, Sound Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist Rev. Dr. Catherine Robinson, Preaching

Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol, Senior Minister

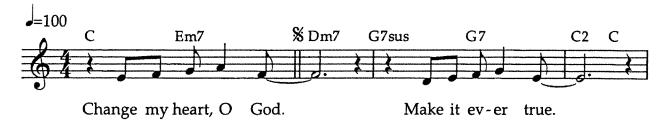


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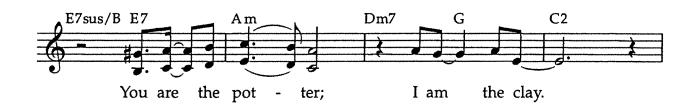


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LEAD ME LORD Irr.











WORDS and MUSIC: Eddie Espinosa

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# 517 Here, O Our Lord, We See You



These stanzas are selected from a ten-stanza hymn written in 1855 to serve as a monthly post-communion reflection for the members of St. Andrew's Free Church, Greenock, Scotland. They are set to a tune named for both a coastal town and a large bay in northwest England.

# Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1743 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870 BEECHER 87.87D