

Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024
10:30am MT

Order of Worship

- Welcome Anne Loveless
- Prelude Paulette McClellan
Adagio from Fantasia in C
by César Franck
- *Opening Hymn 543
Blessed Assurance
- *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 Anne
Psalm 4
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

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

*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* Paulette
by Kenneth Lowenberg

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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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Blessed Assurance

C F C Am G D7

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-  
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my  
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and

G C F C

vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his  
 sight; an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of  
 blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his

F Dm G7 C Refrain G C F

Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry, this is my  
 good - ness, lost in his love.

C Am F D7 G

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

C F C F Dm G7 C

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

# Lead Me, Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ-teous-ness, make thy way

plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,

thou, Lord, on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

WORDS: Based on Psalms 5:8; 4:8  
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1861

LEAD ME LORD  
Irr.

# Change My Heart, O God

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C Em7 Dm7 G7sus G7 C2 C

Change my heart, O God. Make it ev-er true.

Em7 Dm7 G7sus G7 C

Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

E7sus/B E7 Am Dm7 G C2

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

E7sus/B E7 Am D9sus D7sus D7

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Gsus G Em7 D.S. al Coda C CODA C2

Change my heart, O God.

# 517 Here, O Our Lord, We See You

1 Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.  
 2 Here would we feed up - on the bread of God,  
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 4 Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear.  
 5 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,

Here would we touch and han - dle things un - seen,  
 here drink with you the roy - al cup of heaven;  
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble for us spread.  
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
 yet, pass - ing, points to that glad feast a - bove,

here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
 here would we lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 Here let us feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 the bread and wine re - move, but you are here,  
 giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,

and all our wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.  
 and taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.  
 the fel - low - ship of liv - ing wine and bread.  
 near - er than ev - er, still our shield and sun.  
 the Lamb's great brid - al feast of bliss and love.

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.



## 517 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1. Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;  
 3. Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all thy life re-ceive;  
 4. Fin-ish, then, thy new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less let us be,



fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown;  
 let us all in thee in-her-it, let us find thy prom-ised rest;  
 sud-den-ly re-turn and nev-er, nev-er-more thy tem-ples leave.  
 let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in thee;



Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion, pure, un-bound-ed love thou art;  
 take a-way our love of sin-ning; al-pha and o-me-ga be;  
 Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a-bove,  
 changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,



vis-it us with thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.  
 end of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
 pray, and praise thee with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.  
 till we cast our crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise.

