

**Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
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*(<https://www.montevista.org/vistastream>)*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**April 28, 2024**

**10:30am MT**

**Order of Worship**

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Prelude

*Pastorale*  
by Max Reger

Paulette McClellan

\*Call to Worship

Charlotte Hoppe

One: People of resurrection hope, we are raised to new life in the Risen Christ.

**Many: We abide in God's love.**

One: We are the branches of Christ, the life-giving Vine through whom we are sustained, nurtured, and pruned in love.

**Many: We have no life apart from God's love in Christ.**

One: How will we bear the good fruit of God's love?

**Many: By loving and learning to love; and by building communities of love in God's name.**

One: Church, let us worship God who is the very essence of love.

**Many: May we worship our God with the whole of our being.**

\*Opening Hymn

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

(vv 1, 2, 5)

\*Opening Prayer

Charlotte

God of life and love. We gather this day to worship you, even as fear, hatred, and violence grips our world and tempts us to doubt the power of your love. Open our eyes to see you among us. Open our ears to hear you calling us to trust in your love, to trust that you are here with us in the Risen Christ, enabling us to love as you love, to live boldly out of your unwavering inclusive love. In your many holy names we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

John 15:1-8

Charlotte

"I am the true vine, and my Parent is the vinegrower who removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit God prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in

them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Parent is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

Prayer Hymn

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

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(Please share your prayer concerns & joys with the office at [office@montevista.org](mailto: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

*Give Me Jesus*  
arr. by Lee Roesti

Vista Voices

Sermon Text

1John 4:7-21

Rev. Dawn

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent God's only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent God's Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in God and God in us, because God has given us of God's Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Parent has sent the Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as God is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because God first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their siblings, are liars; for those who do not love a sibling whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from God is this: those who love God must love their siblings also.

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


Sermon	<i>“Because God First Loved Us”</i>	Rev. Dawn
Special Music	<i>Worship and Praise</i> by Sharon Elery Rogers	Vista Bells
Sharing in Communion and Stewardship		
Invitation to the Table		Anne Loveless
	(Your tithes & offerings can be given via online donations on <a href="#">our website</a> , on the <a href="#">Givelify app</a> , or by mailing your check to the church office. Thank you.)	
*Communion Hymn	<i>In Remembrance of Me</i>	403
Words of Institution		Rev. Dawn
Prayers for the Elements		Anne
Receiving Communion		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Dawn
*Closing Hymn	<i>Fill the World with Love</i>	467
*Benediction		Rev. Dawn
Postlude	<i>Alles ist an Gottes Segen</i> by Flor Peeters	Paulette

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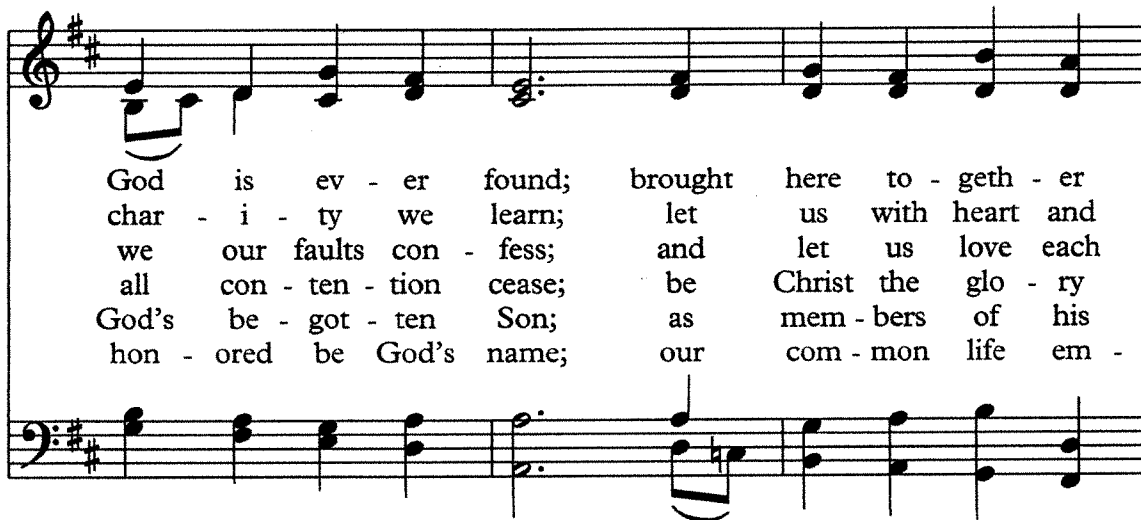
Charlotte Hoppe, Worship Leader  
Wally Miller, Sound  
Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist  
Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol, Senior Minister, Preaching and Presiding




# Where Charity and Love Prevail



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there  
2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear true  
3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults as  
4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let  
5. Let us re - call that in our midst dwells  
6. Love can ex - clude no race or creed if



God is ev - er found; brought here to - geth - er  
char - i - ty we learn; let us with heart and  
we our faults con - fess; and let us love each  
all con - ten - tion cease; be Christ the glo - ry  
God's be - got - ten Son; as mem - bers of his  
hon - ored be God's name; our com - mon life em -



by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.  
mind and strength now love Christ in re - turn.  
oth - er well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.  
bod - y joined, we are in him made one.  
brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

WORDS: 9th cent. Latin; trans. by Omer Westendorf, 1961 (1 John 4:16)  
MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836; harm. from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

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*Unison*

1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her  
 2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the  
 3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of

flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the  
 Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our  
 prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
 midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
 peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1981  
 MUSIC: Peter Cutts, 1968

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BRIDEGROOM  
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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.

Fill the World with Love

Unison C Am7 Dm G

1. With the vi-sion in our minds of how the world could be, and the  
 2. All the peo-ple in this world liv-ing lives of pain and fear, cry - ing  
 3. We whose spir-its long to share, long to com-fort and to heal, know that  
 4. Let us hes-i-tate no long-er in our doubt and our dis-may; there's a

C Em Dm G

full - ness of our hearts from the suf - fer - ing we see; when we  
 out in - to the night, won-d'ring when some-one will hear; while there  
 when we act a - lone, hope is dif - fi - cult to feel; but to -  
 pow'r at work with-in us that has pro-mised a new day. And the

Am Em Dm Em

make all that we are and have part of God's des - ti - ny, we can  
 are so man - y others hav - ing so much they can share, can we  
 geth - er as we la - bor God's com - pas - sion to re - veal we will  
 time will sure - ly come, it will not be long de - layed when God

WORDS: David L. Edwards, 1992  
 MUSIC: David L. Edwards, 1992; arr. Susan Adams, 1994

COMPASSION  
 Irr.



MISSION AND WITNESS

Dm G Dm7 G

1,2,3

fill the world with love, we can fill the world with love.  
fill the world with love, can we fill the world with love.  
fill the world with love, we will fill the world with love.  
fills the world with love, when God

Dm G C Dm7 C

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fills the world with love.