

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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024

10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome		Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol
Prelude	<i>I. Prelude (from Organ Book)</i> by Jean Langlais	Paulette McClellan
*Call to Worship		Gregg Rothrock
Psalm 146 (responsively)		766
*Opening Prayer		Gregg
God of healing mercy and compassion. We gather this day to worship you with gratitude for your unwavering love for all. We constantly see evidences of Jesus' healing presence among us. Remind us that we, too, are recipients of Jesus' compassion as we're called to bring the same hope and love to others. Open our ears and our eyes to the needs of those around us, to where you are leading us in mission. In your many holy names we pray. Amen.		
*Opening Hymn	<i>Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above</i>	6
First Scripture Reading	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Gregg
A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.		
One: A word from God for the people of God. Many: Thanks be to God.		
Prayer Hymn	<i>The Church of Christ in Every Age</i>	475 (vv 1, 3, 5)
(Please share your prayer concerns & joys with Rev. Dawn at revdawn@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

Balm in Gilead
traditional spiritual, arr. by Mark Hayes

Vista Voices

Sermon Text

Mark 7:24-37

Rev. Dawn

From Gennesaret Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet Jesus could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. Jesus said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But the woman answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then Jesus said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged Jesus to lay his hand on him. Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, Jesus sighed and said to the man, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more Jesus ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

Sermon

"Deep Engagement"

Rev. Dawn

Response in Song

She Came to Jesus

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Gerri Warner

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*Communion Hymn

Lord, We Need Bread

Words of Institution

Rev. Dawn

Prayers for the Elements

Gerri

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Dawn
Invitation to the Community of MVCC		Rev. Dawn
*Closing Hymn	<i>River of Mercy</i>	
*Announcements		Rev. Dawn
*Benediction		Rev. Dawn
Postlude	<i>Pasticcio (from Organ Book)</i> by Jean Langlais	Paulette

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Gregg Rothrock, Worship Leader  
Wally Miller, Sound

Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist

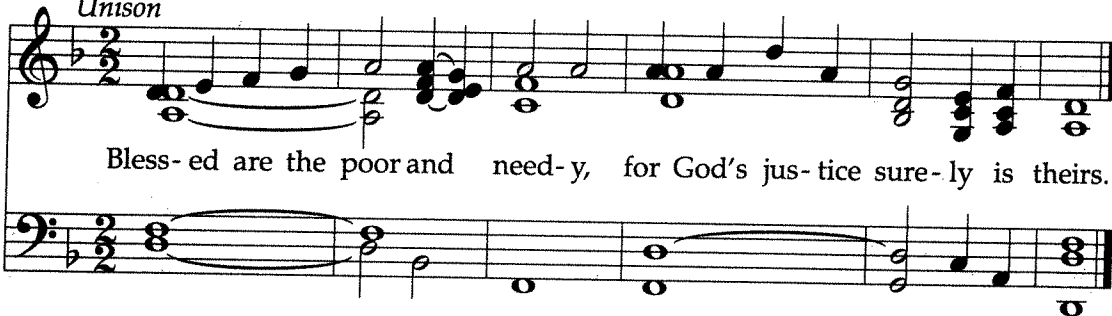
Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol, Senior Minister, Preaching and Presiding

## Psalm 146

RESPONSE

Luke 6:20, adapt.  
French carol melody; harm. *The English Hymnal*

*Unison*



Bless-ed are the poor and need-y, for God's jus-tice sure-ly is theirs.

**R**

- 1 Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- 2 **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**  
**I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**
- 3 Do not put your trust in rulers,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
- 4 **When their breath departs, they return to the earth;**  
**on that very day their plans perish.**
- 5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Israel,  
**whose hope is in the LORD their God,**
- 6 who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
**who keeps faith forever;**
- 7 **who executes justice for the oppressed;**  
**who gives food to the hungry. R**
- 8 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
and opens the eyes of the blind.  
**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,**  
**and loves the righteous.**
- 9 The LORD watches over the strangers,  
and upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but brings to ruin the way of the wicked.
- 10 **The LORD will reign forever,**  
**your God, O Zion, for all generations.**  
**Praise the LORD! R**

## 6 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
 2. Our God is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -  
 3. Then all my glad - some way a - long, I sing a - loud your  
 4. Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
 tress - ing, an ev - er pres - ent help and stay, our peace and  
 prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song my voice un -  
 glo - ry; let all who own God's power pro - claim a - loud the

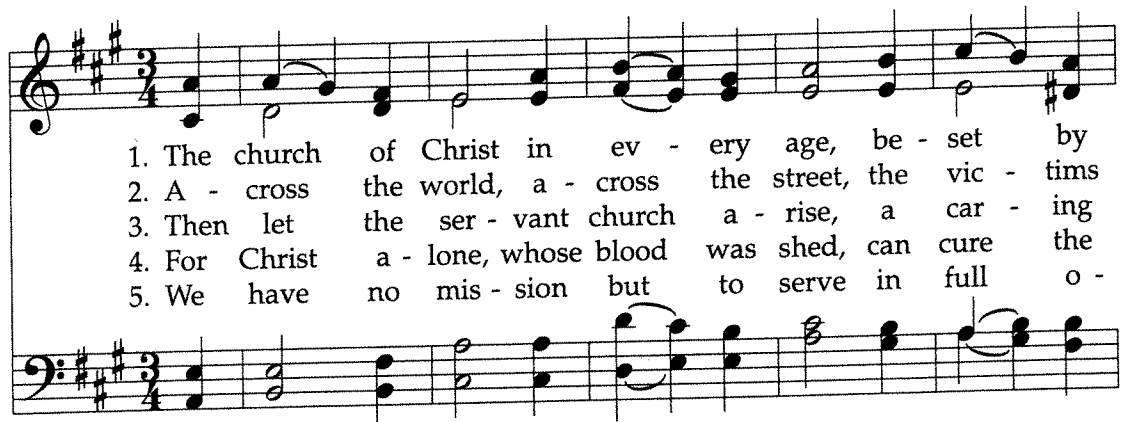
our sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm my soul is filled and  
 joy and bless - ing. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand, God  
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, both  
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, for

ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
 gent - ly leads the cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
 soul and bod - y bear your part: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
 Christ is Lord, and Christ a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

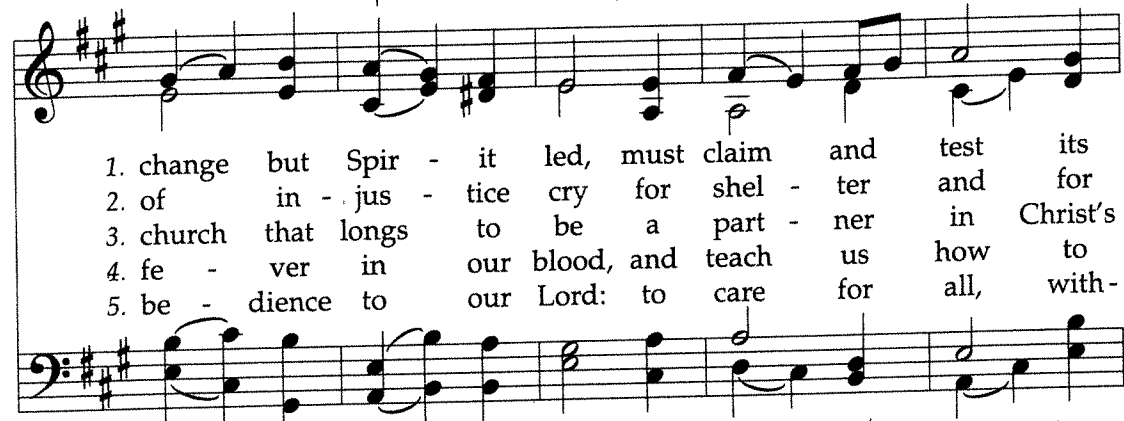
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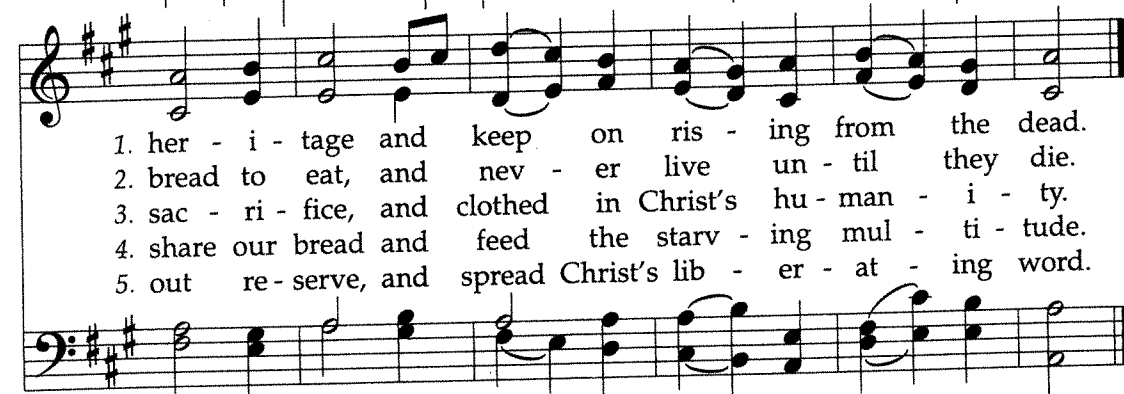
# The Church of Christ in Every Age 475



1. The church of Christ in every age, be - set by  
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



1. change but Spir - it led, must claim and test its  
2. of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
3. church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
4. fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
5. be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



1. her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
2. bread to eat, and nev - er live un - til they die.  
3. sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
4. share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
5. out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1969  
MUSIC: William Knapp, 1738

WAREHAM  
LM

## **She Came to Jesus**

She came to Jesus from outside the fold —  
Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!  
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see  
One who would help her and set her child free.

Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace,  
She knew God's love was not bounded by place.  
Jesus, you listened, debated — then healed —  
For in her asking, her faith was revealed.

God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.  
You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.  
In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends:  
Those on the outside are welcomed as friends.

Tune: Traditional Irish melody SLANE 10.10.9.10 (“Be Thou My Vision”)  
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$\text{♩} = 72-78$

1. Lord, we need bread that feeds us;  
 2. Lord, give us bread that feeds us;  
 3. You are the bread that feeds us;

Lord, we need drink that heals;  
 Lord, give us drink that heals;  
 you are the drink that heals;

we need a word that cheers us;  
 Lord, speak the word that cheers us;  
 you are the word that cheers us;

we need a life that en - dures.  
 Lord, grant us life that en - dures.  
 Lord, you're the life that en - dures.

WORDS and MUSIC: Hartmut Handt, David Plüss;  
 trans: S. T. Kimbrough, Jr.

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# River of Mercy

♩=100

1. Mer - cy, com - pas - sion, kind - ness and love,  
 2. Thirst - y, hun - gry, stran - gers 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

me. through our lives.