

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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Prelude

*O Jesus Süß [Op. 39, #7]
by Flor Peeters*

Paulette McClellan

*Call to Worship

Linda Currin

One: "Teacher," the crowd asked, "What should we do?"

Many: If you have two shirts, give one away.

One: Hold on to hope with all that you are.

Many: Live like we belong to one another.

One: Speak the truth in love.

Many: Look for God everywhere.

One: It's all that easy; and it's all that hard.

Many: Let us worship our ever-present and dynamic God.

*Opening Prayer

Linda

Listening God, we know that you are constantly speaking to us. Through music, scripture, nature, and relationships, you make yourself known again and again. In gratitude, we long to make you known to the world through the good that is ours to do. So, in this moment we're quieting the noise in our heads. We're closing our eyes. We're leaning in. We're listening. We're doing the good that is ours to do. Speak to us through the chaos and uncertainties. Speak to us as only you can. With hope in our hearts we listen, and we pray. Amen.

*Advent Wreath Lighting Hymn

Joy, Joy, Joy

(v 4)

Advent Wreath Lighting & Prayer – Joy

Eleanor Cooley's Care Group

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-12

Linda

You shall cry for help, and God will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be

like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

Prayer Hymn

like a child

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(Please share your prayer concerns & joys with Rev. Dawn at revdawn@montevista.org.)

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dawn

Pastoral Prayer & 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

How Shall We Sing Salvation's Song
by Susan Boersma & Joseph Martin

Vista Voices

Sermon Text

Luke 3:7-16

Rev. Dawn

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked John, "What then should we do?" In reply John said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked John, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked John, "And we, what should we do?" John said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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Sermon

"Words for the Beginning: Do the Good That Is Yours to Do"

Rev. Dawn

Joy, Joy, Joy

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1. Peace, peace, peace— The gift of Christ is peace. We
 2. Hope, hope, hope— The light of Christ is hope. In
 3. Love, love, love— The heart of Christ is love. On
 4. Joy, joy, joy— We praise You, Christ, with joy! Our

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walk with God, our past for - giv - en. All in Him is life and heav - en.
 all our dark-ness Christ is shin - ing, Lead - ing up - ward, faith re - fin - ing.
 all who come He pours His pres - ence— Life and love in ho - ly es - sence.
 peace, our hope, our love and treas - ure, High - est call - ing, deep - est pleas - ure!

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WORDS: Ken Bible
 MUSIC: Traditional Austrian Melody; arr. by Ken Bible

STILL, STILL, STILL
 3.6.9.8.3.6.

like a child

Unison Gm C Am Dm

1. like a child love would send to re - veal and to mend, like a
 2. like a child we will meet, rag - ged clothes, dirt - y feet, like a
 3. like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a

Gm C F D7

child and a friend, Je - sus comes like a
 child on the street, Je - sus comes like a
 child here to stay, Je - sus comes like a

Gm7 C Am Dm7

child we may find claim - ing heart soul and mind, like a
 child we once knew com - ing back in - to view, like a
 child we re - ceive all that love can con - ceive, like a

Gm7 C11 F

child strong and kind, Je - sus comes
 child born a - new, Je - sus comes
 child we be - lieve Je - sus comes

WORDS and MUSIC: Dan Damon, 1992

LIKE A CHILD
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Down to Earth

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Unison

1. Down to earth as a dove, came to all,
 2. This is love come to light, now is fear
 3. Je - sus Christ comes to feed hun - gry ones

ho - ly love; Je - sus Christ from a - bove bring - ing great sal - va - tion,
 put to flight. God de - feats ev - il's blight; giv - ing for our sor - rows,
 in their need; in the house there is bread: Je - sus in a sta - ble,

Refrain

meant for ev - ery na - tion.
 hope of new to - mor - rows. Let us sing, sing, sing, dance and spring,
 in the church a ta - ble.

8vb

spring, spring. Christ is here, ev - er near! Glo - ria in ex - cel - sis.

8vb *loco*

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1968
 MUSIC: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; arr. Gustav Holst, 1925

PERSONENT HODIE
 666.66 w. refrain

138 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

G Am7 G D D7

1. A - wake! a - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2. In deep - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 3. Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though

G C Am D G Am7

an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, sing out your joy, for
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall

G D G Am D C G

soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less;