### **Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)** 3501 Campus Blvd. NE Albuquerque, NM 87106

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### 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

Linda Currin

\*Call to Worship One:

"Teacher," the crowd asked, "What should we do?".

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

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

(v4)

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 <a href="mailto:revdawn@montevista.org">revdawn@montevista.org</a>.)

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.

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

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

Rev. Dawn

\*Advent Litany (in unison)

In the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, we say:

Do not be discouraged by the weight of the world.

Instead, hold fast to hope. Roll up your sleeves.

Feed the hungry. Tend the garden.

If you have two coats, give one away.

Do the good that is yours to do.

In doing so, you will see God.

For this we believe:

small acts of love can make a difference.

Special Music

Reflections on a Huron Carol arr. by Derek K. Hakes

Vista Bells

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Anne Loveless

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

\*Communion Hymn

Down to Earth

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Words of Institution

Rev. Dawn

Prayers for the Elements

Anne

**Receiving Communion** 

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Dawn

Invitation to the Community of MVCC

Rev. Dawn

\*Closing Hymn

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

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\*Announcements

Rev. Dawn

\*Benediction

Rev. Dawn

Postlude

Es ist gewisslich an der Zeit by Johann Ludwig Krebs Paulette

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Linda Currin, Worship Leader Wally Miller, Sound Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist Eleanor Cooley's Care Group, Wreath Lighting

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

# Joy, Joy, Joy



WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Traditional Austrian Melody; arr. by Ken Bible

STILL, STILL, STILL 3.6.9.8.3.6.

## like a child

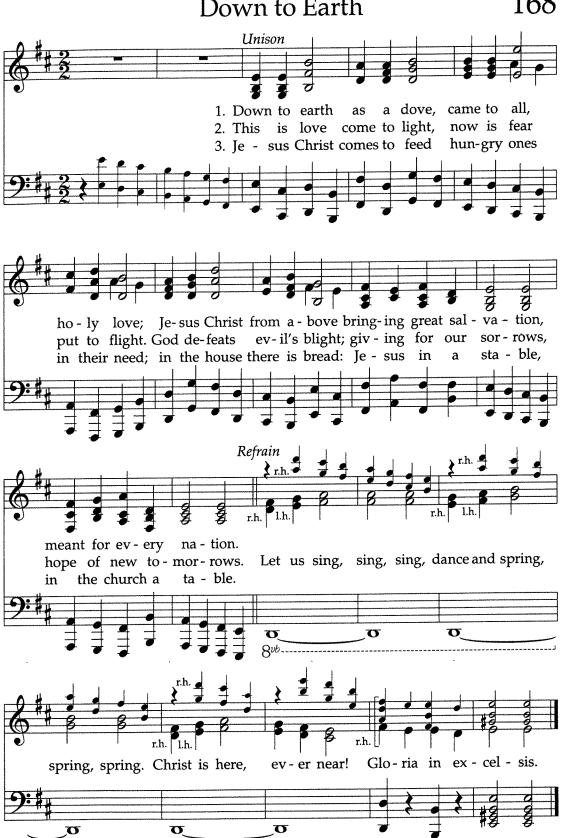


WORDS and MUSIC: Dan Damon, 1992

LIKE A CHILD 3333.333D



## Down to Earth



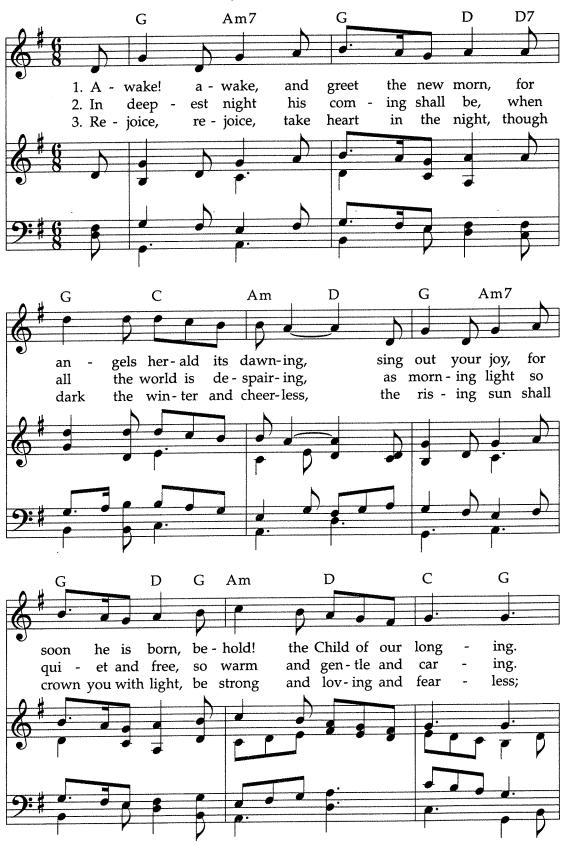
WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1968

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MUSIC: Piae Cantiones, 1582; arr. Gustav Holst, 1925

PERSONENT HODIE 666.66 w. refrain

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WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1983

REJOICE, REJOICE 98.98.87.89