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First Sunday in Lent Everything [in] Between: Stranger & Neighbor

March 9, 2025 10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Prelude Prière [24 Pièces, #XV] Paulette McClellan

by Jean Langlais

*Call to Worship (Left = lectern/west side; Right = pulpit/east side) Anne Loveless

One: Here in this place and with these people, we can ask big questions.

Left: Who is my neighbor?

Right: How can I help?

Left: What do I have to learn? Right: Where is God in it all?

One: Here in this place and with these people, we can ask difficult questions.

Left: May we listen to each other.

Right: May we learn from each other.

All: May we stay curious and explore.

One: This is our invitation to lean in and see God in strangers and neighbors.

All: Let us worship our holy God.

Candle Lighting Litany & Prayer

Anthony Sanchez's Care Group

*Opening Hymn Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days 180 (vv 1, 3, 4)

*Opening Prayer Anne

Gracious God, oh how we love to ask questions. We love to throw our wonderings at you, to bring our curiosity to you, to examine, ask, and imagine all day long. But when the answers come, we don't always like what we hear. Sometimes, we choose to ignore those difficult-to-hear answers. Awaken a curiosity in us. Awaken an inclination for listening; make room in our spirits for your word to us. With hope we question, we wonder, we dream, we listen – for you are in everything we experience. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; and upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked the Lord brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

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

Prayer Hymn

O God, You Give Us Neighbors

(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

Healing Grace arr. by Jane Holstein

Vista Voices

Sermon Text Luke 10:25-37 Rev. Dawn

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" The lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, the lawyer asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw the man, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near the man; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then the Samaritan put the man on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day the Samaritan took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed the man mercy." Jesus said to the lawyer, "Go and do likewise."

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

"Everything [in] Between: Stranger & Neighbor" Rev. Dawn Sermon

Breathe, Listen, and Notice (vv 1, 4) Preparation for Confession

Rev. Dawn Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (in unison

Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics. We want to know: Who is our neighbor? Do we have to love the stranger? Must we have compassion for our enemy? Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love. Rewire our hearts so that we might see your face in every neighbor and in every stranger we pass. With hope we pray. Amen.

Rev. Dawn *Words of Assurance

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Wayne Hammar Invitation to the Table

(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.)

For the Bread, Which You Have Broken *Communion Hymn 411 Rev. Dawn Words of Institution Wayne Prayers for the Elements

Receiving Communion

Postlude

Rev. Dawn Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Dawn Invitation to the Community of MVCC

662 (vv 1, 2) When the Poor Ones *Closing Hymn

Rev. Dawn *Announcements

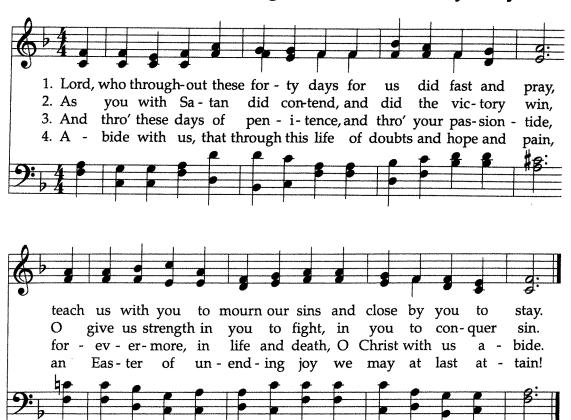
Rev. Dawn *Benediction

L'Organiste Liturgiste Op. 65 "Offertoire" **Paulette**

by Alexandre Guilmant

Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist Anne Loveless, Worship Leader Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol, Senior Minister, Preaching & Presiding Wally Miller, Sound

180 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days



O God, You Give Us Neighbors by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

O God, you give us neighbors and call us all to see our common fears and longings, our shared humanity. You call us all to listen to burdens they have known, to hear the truth they tell us, to see the love they've shown.

O God, you give us neighbors; and now, what must we do?
This question asked of Jesus is one we ask anew.
May we not make excuses and choose to walk on by
these neighbors fleeing violence — some sent back now to die.

God, may we work for justice for those who live in fear; may we show Christ's compassion, and pray and persevere and by your Holy Spirit, in all we do and say, may we stand up for neighbors now being sent away.

To the tune of "The Church's One Foundation" (#272 in Chalice Hymnal) AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D

Breathe, Listen, and Notice

A Sanctified Art, Lent 2025 for my mentor and friend, Donald Schell

Words and Music by Paul Vasile





For the Bread, Which You Have Broken 411



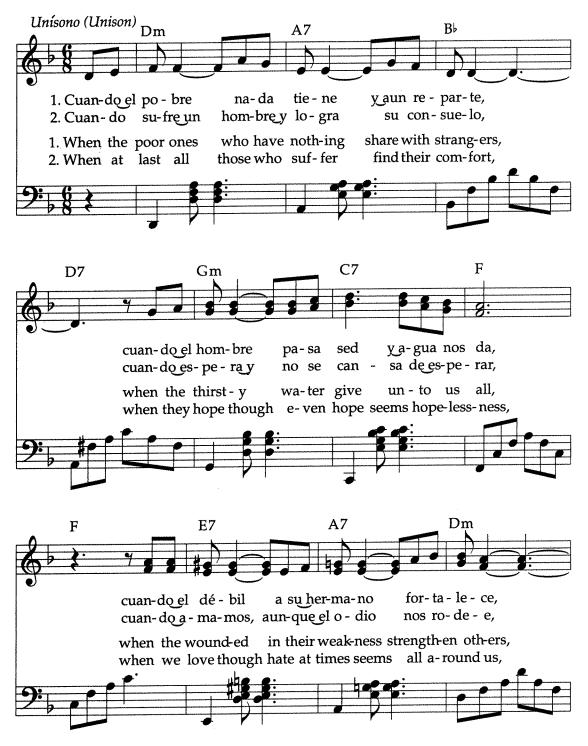
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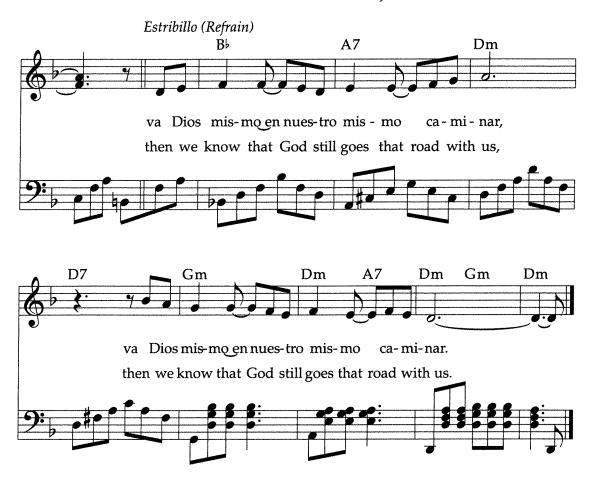
Cuando el Pobre (When the Poor Ones)



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- 3. Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda, cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad, cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos, *Estribillo*
- 4. Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares, cuando un hombre donde hay guerra pone paz, cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño, Estribillo
- 3. When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing, when our lips can speak no words other than true, when we know that love for simple things is better, *Refrain*
- 4. When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance, when we learn how to make peace instead of war, when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor, *Refrain*