

Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Third Sunday in Lent
Everything [in] Between: Rest & Growth

March 23, 2025
10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Prelude Paulette McClellan
Meditation
by William Wolstenholme

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

One: Worship is a place to rest.

Left: We breathe deeply here.

Right: We still our aching bones.

Left: We sit in the quiet.

Right: We surround ourselves with music.

All: Worship is a place to rest.

One: Worship is a place to grow.

Left: We listen for God's word.

Right: We invite it to challenge us.

Left: We lean in with curiosity;

Right: we ask questions.

All: Worship is a place to grow.

One: So come into this space. Come rest and grow together here.

All: Let us worship our gracious God.

*Opening Hymn 714
For the Fruit of All Creation

*Opening Prayer Bonnie

Creator God, we give thanks that you call us all to gather together in worship to both rest and grow in you. Your word is like soil, something we can root ourselves in. Your word is like the sun, big enough to touch everything with its warmth. Your word is like a gardener, a love that prunes and encourages, waters and delights, seeds and tends. So, as we listen for your word to us today, warm our bones, tend to our broken pieces, and show us how to grow. With hope we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 63:1-8

Bonnie

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

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

Prayer Hymn

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
arr. by Donald Moore

Vista Voices

Sermon Text

Luke 13:6-9

Rev. Dawn

Then Jesus told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' The gardener replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

Sermon

"Everything [in] Between: Rest & Growth"

Rev. Dawn

*Preparation for Confession

Breathe, Listen, and Notice

(vv 3, 4)

*Call to Confession

Rev. Dawn

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, there are days when we neglect to rest. We stretch ourselves too thin. We say “yes” to every invitation. We go a million miles a minute. We ignore your command to rest. There are also days when we neglect to act. We wait for someone else to do it. We take the easy road. We find excuses and justify our inaction. God, forgive our imbalance. Remind us that birds rest, and they also fly. Show us how to do the same. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Rev. Dawn

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Gerri Warner

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*Communion Hymn

The Voice of Jesus Calls His People

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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

Beneath the Soil

*Announcements

Rev. Dawn

*Benediction

Rev. Dawn

Postlude

Herr Jesus hat ein Gärtchen [Op. 39, #10]
by Flor Peeters

Paulette

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Bonnie Sanchez, Worship Leader

Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist

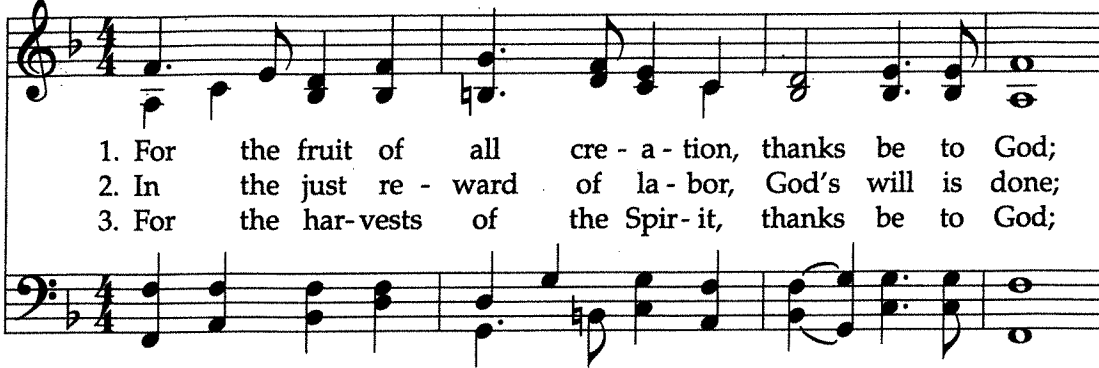
Wally Miller, Sound

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




## For the Fruit of All Creation

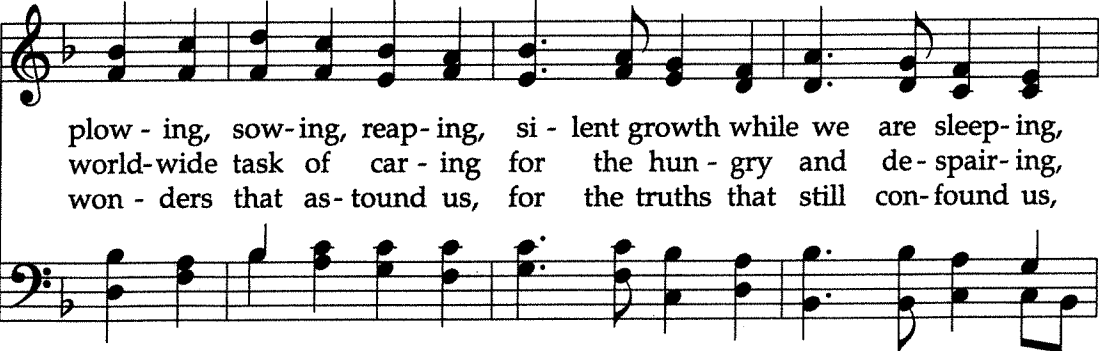
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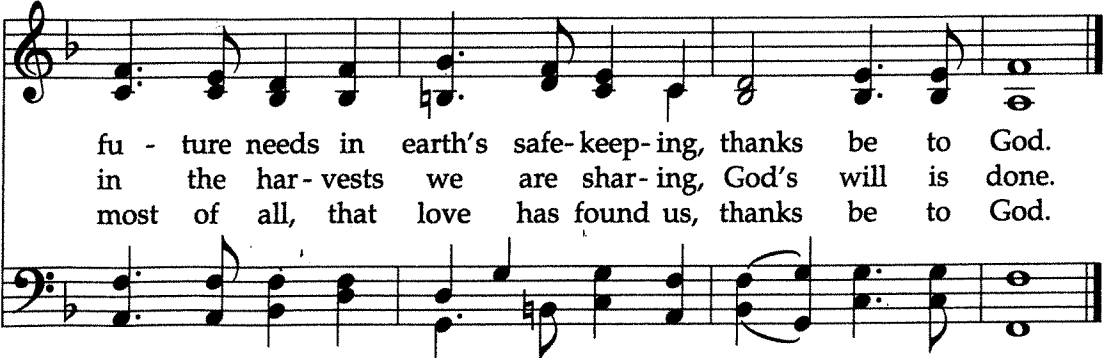
1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;  
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done;  
 3. For the har-vests of the Spir-it, thanks be to God;



for good gifts to ev - ery na-tion, thanks be to God; for the  
 in the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done; in our  
 for the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God; for the



plow - ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,  
 world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair-ing,  
 won - ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1970

MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. Luther Orlando Emerson, 1906

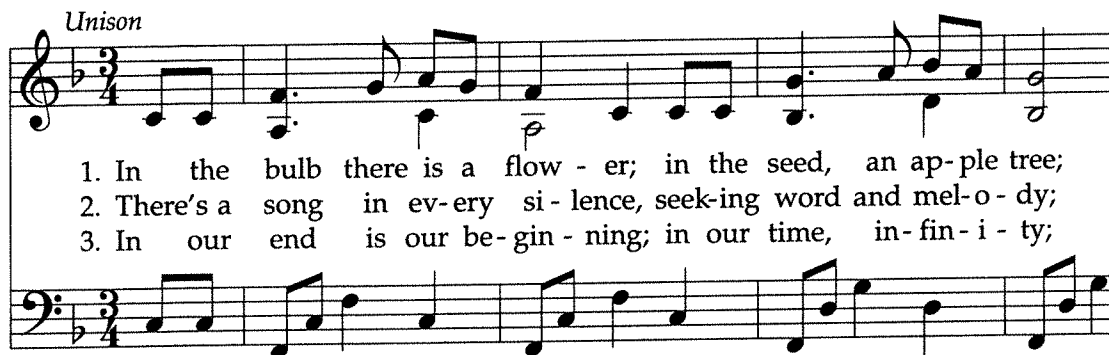
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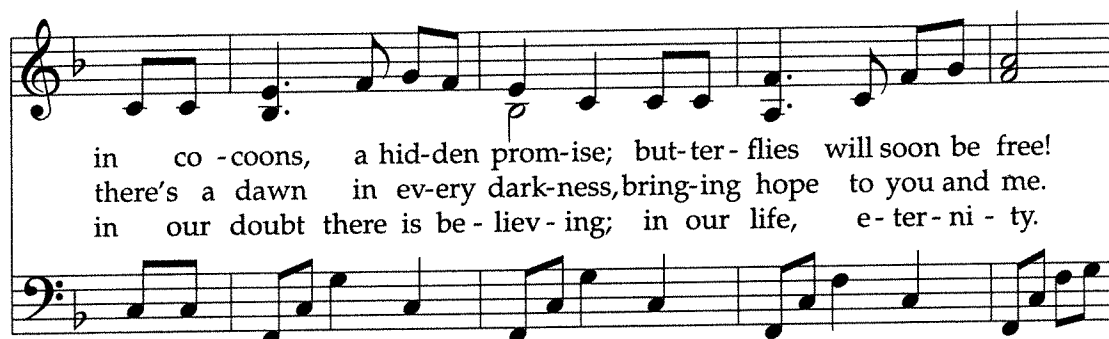
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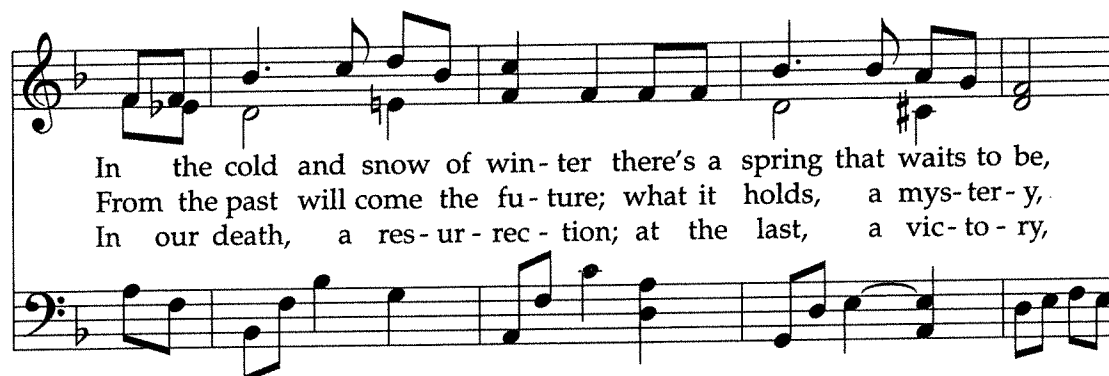
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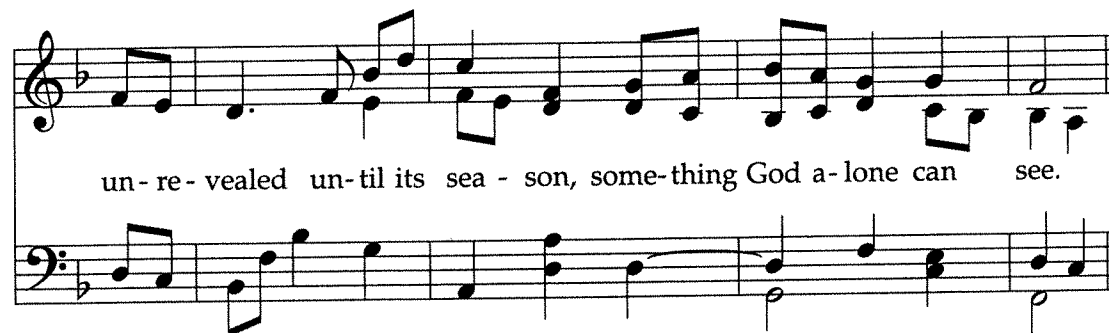
1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

WORDS and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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# Breathe, Listen, and Notice

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

Words and Music by Paul Vasile

**Expressive, with a gentle pulse** ♩ = 72-76



**Echo (optional)**

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Help us speak less, — slow judge - ment,  
 Help us rest well, — find bal - ance,  
 Help us lean in, — seek wis - dom,  
 Help us love well, — walk hum - bly, —

11

breathe, lis - ten, and no - tice  
 breathe, lis - ten, and no - tice  
 breathe, lis - ten, and no - tice  
 breathe, lis - ten, and no - tice:

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the dis - so - nance, dis - com - fort,  
 sim - plic - i - ty, in slow - ness,  
 the let - ting go, the learn - ing,  
 to faith - ful - ness, com - pas - sion,

what is pres - ent in the dis - so - nance, dis - com - fort, and the  
 what is pre - sent in sim - plic - i - ty, in slow - ness, and in  
 what is pre - sent in the let - ting go, the learn - ing, and the  
 God is call - ing us to . faith - ful - ness, com - pas - sion, and to

19 1.

and the ques - tions.  
and in qui - et. \_\_\_\_  
and the strug - gle. \_\_\_\_

Dm Am7 Dm Bb6/F Bb2 A(no3)

ques - tions.  
qui - et. \_\_\_\_  
strug - gle. \_\_\_\_

23 2.

and to cour - age. \_\_\_\_

Dm Am7 Dm Bb6/F Bb2 A(no3)

cour - age. \_\_\_\_

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breathe, lis - ten, and no - tice

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breathe, lis - ten, and no - tice

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breathe, lis - ten, and no - tice

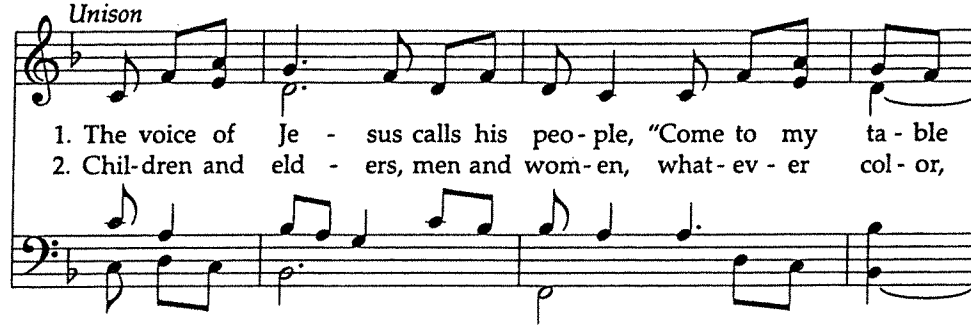
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breathe, lis - ten, and no - tice

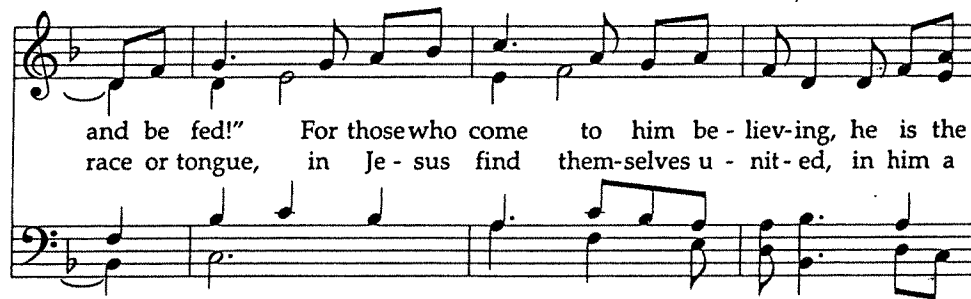
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# 426 The Voice of Jesus Calls His People


*Unison*



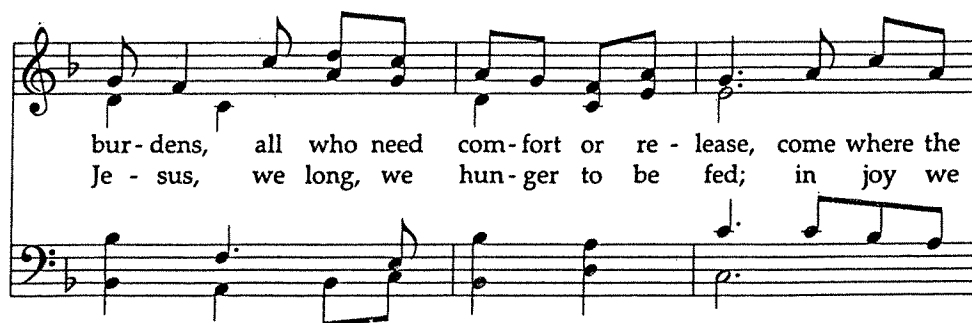
1. The voice of Je - sus calls his peo - ple, "Come to my ta - ble  
2. Chil - dren and eld - ers, men and wom - en, what - ev - er col - or,



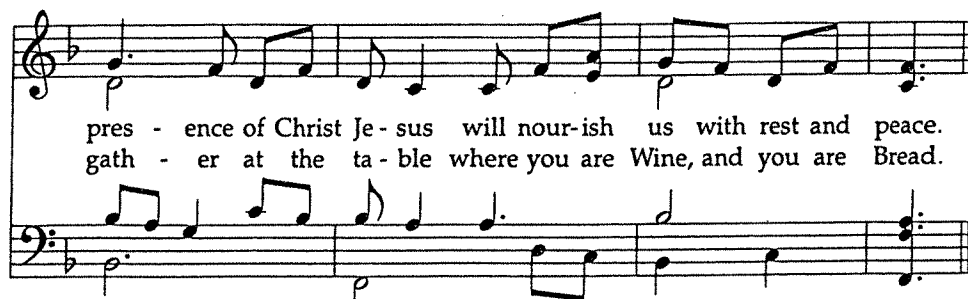
and be fed!" For those who come to him be - liev - ing, he is the  
race or tongue, in Je - sus find them - selves u - nit - ed, in him a



Wine, he is the Bread. All who are lost, or bear great  
home where they be - long. We hear your lov - ing voice, O



bur - dens, all who need com - fort or re - lease, come where the  
Je - sus, we long, we hun - ger to be fed; in joy we



pres - ence of Christ Je - sus will nour - ish us with rest and peace.  
gath - er at the ta - ble where you are Wine, and you are Bread.





THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

everything [in] between **rest & growth** Luke 13:6-9

# Beneath the Soil

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Words by Anna Strickland, 2024

Music by George Kirbye, 1592

Be - neath the so - il in the dark there's  
Re - mem - ber when the world de - mands more  
The rest and nur - ture we re - ceive will  
In ev - ery sea - son of our lives the

3  
growth too slow to see A trans - for - ma - tion  
than you can pro - duce We each grow at a  
turn to fruit in time For God made us to  
Spi - rit is at work To nur - ture us to

5  
not dis - played in bran - ches, fruit, and leaves  
diff - erent pace and growth starts at the roots  
grow and change as toward the sky we climb  
bear good fruit while root - ed in the earth

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