

Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Easter Sunday
Everything [in] Between: Grief & Hope

April 20, 2025
10:30am MT

Order of Worship

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| Prelude | <i>Welcome, Happy Morning</i>
arr. by Paul Davis | Brass Quartet |
| Welcome | | Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol |
| *Call to Worship | | Bonnie Sanchez |
| One: | Church, we have known grief. We have known loss. We have known the long road, tired and winding. | |
| Many: | We have whispered prayers in our secret places. | |
| One: | We have stared at the sky, empty of stars. But today – | |
| Many: | Today we know hope! Today we know life! | |
| One: | Today we know the sound of Alleluias because death does not have the last word. | |
| Many: | Today we know that nothing can separate us from God's love. | |
| One: | It's Resurrection Day! May hope find you. May you know, deep in your bones, that today is a day of new beginnings. | |
| Many: | Alleluia! Christ is Risen! | |
| *Opening Hymn | <i>This Is the Day</i> | 286 |
| *Opening Prayer | | Bonnie |
| God of Alleluias and empty tombs, God of garden plots and good news, it's Resurrection Day. It's finally Easter. In a world full of grief and heartache, of violence and oppression, of loss and separation, we long for this day because Easter sings a different song, a song of hope, a song of new life, a song of love that makes you want to jump out of your chair and run barefoot to the tomb. Easter smells of fresh flowers and baked bread. It sounds like trumpets and laughter. It feels like a crowded table and a warm hug. Yes, Easter sings a different song. So, in a world full of grief, help us to cling to Resurrection hope, help us hear the good news of this Easter story. We're ready to jump out of our chairs and run barefoot to the tomb. With hope we pray, embracing your good news of hope in all circumstances. Amen. | | |

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1, 19-24

Anne

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever! Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

Prayer Hymn

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

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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

Sing an Easter Alleluia
by Mary McDonald

Vista Voices
Jeremy Murphy, trumpet

Sermon Text

Luke 24:1-12

Rev. Dawn

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how Jesus told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Humanity must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened."

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

Sermon

"Everything [in] Between: Grief & Hope"

Rev. Dawn

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

In the dark before dawn, we believe that God is alive.

In the midst of our grief, we believe God's Spirit is at work.

In the chaos of our broken world, we believe that love is on the loose.

For no stone could keep God at bay, and no violence could keep God's love from us.

So today we sing "Alleluia!"

For somewhere in between our belief and doubt, hope lives.

Christ has died, and Christ has also risen. Thanks be to God for a love like that!

Amen.

Special Music

Risen This Day
arr. by Michael Ryan

Vista Bells

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Anne Loveless

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on the [Givelify app](#), or by mailing your check to the church office. Thank you.)

*Communion Hymn

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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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

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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*Announcements

Rev. Dawn

*Benediction

Rev. Dawn

Postlude

O Sons and Daughters of the King
arr. by Paul Davis

Paulette

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Bonnie Sanchez, Worship Leader

Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist

Wally Miller, Sound

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

## This Is the Day

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*Unison*

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the

Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be

glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the


Lord has made; we will re-joice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.


WORDS: Psalm 118:24, para. Les Garrett, 1967  
 MUSIC: Les Garrett, 1967

THE LORD'S DAY  
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## Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain 215




1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;  
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pris - on,  
 3. Now the bright - est sea - son dawns with the day of splen - dor,



God hath brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
 now the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;



loosed from Phar - aoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and bleak, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.

## 222 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

*Unison*

1. Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days.  
 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of des - pair.  
 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der; all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res-ur - rec - tion, not a ser-vant, but a friend;  
 Tell its grim, de-mon-ic cho-rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal-ing leaves of grace a-bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the first and last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1984

MUSIC: Polish carol; arr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1926; harm. Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

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*Descant*

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, A - le - lu - ia!

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,  
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,  
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,

Fol - low - ing our Head, A - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say,  
 Where, O death, is now your sting?  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,

A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,  
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,  
 Made like him, like him we rise,

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, A - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?  
 Christ has op - ened par - a - dise.  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,