

Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome

Rev. Charlotte Hoppe

Prelude

My Song Is Love Unknown
by John Ireland; setting by John Leavitt

Paulette McClellan

*Call to Worship

Anne Loveless

One: Praise God! Christ lives!

Many: Praise God! We live!

One: Praise God! Death dies.

Many: Praise God! Hope soars. Peace comes. Love grows.

One: Join hands. Live now with power in Christ.

Many: Lift hands to God.

One: Christ lives! Praise God!

Many: We live! Praise God!

*Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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*Opening Prayer

Anne

Living God, for forty days the risen Christ appeared to the disciples long ago: on the lonely trail, in the quiet upper room, by the shore in early morning. By your Holy Spirit may Christ now appear to us: on the wings of praise, in life-giving Word, in broken bread and poured out wine. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 150

Anne

Praise the Lord! Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in the mighty firmament!

Praise God for God's mighty deeds; praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!

Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!

Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe!

Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

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

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

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Charlotte

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.

Sermon Text

John 20:19-31

Charlotte

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

"Faithful Thomas"

Charlotte

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Bonnie Sanchez

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*Communion Hymn

Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

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Words of Institution

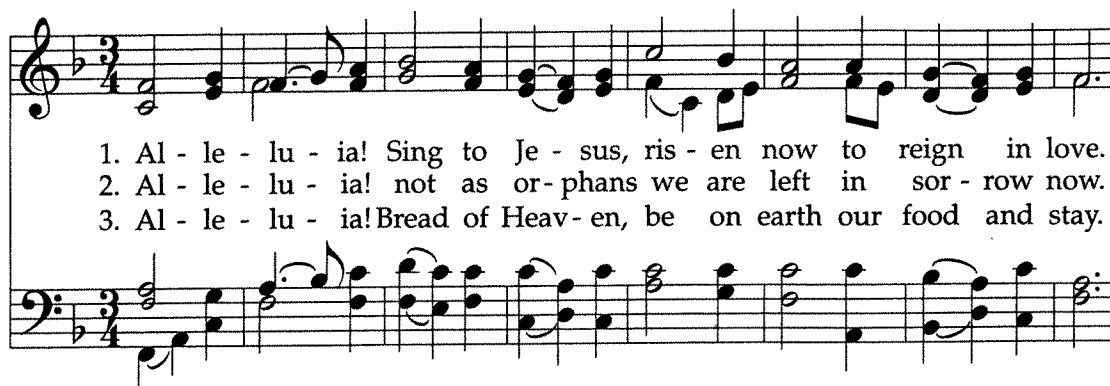
Charlotte

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| Prayers for the Elements | | Bonnie |
| Receiving Communion | | |
| Prayer of Thanksgiving | | Charlotte |
| Invitation to the Community of MVCC | | Charlotte |
| *Closing Hymn | <i>He Lives!</i> | 226 |
| *Announcements | | Charlotte |
| *Benediction | | Charlotte |
| Postlude | <i>Easter: Fantasia on Lumen Christi, O filii et filiae, Alleluia & Victimae pascali laudes arr. by Kenneth Lowenberg</i> | Paulette |

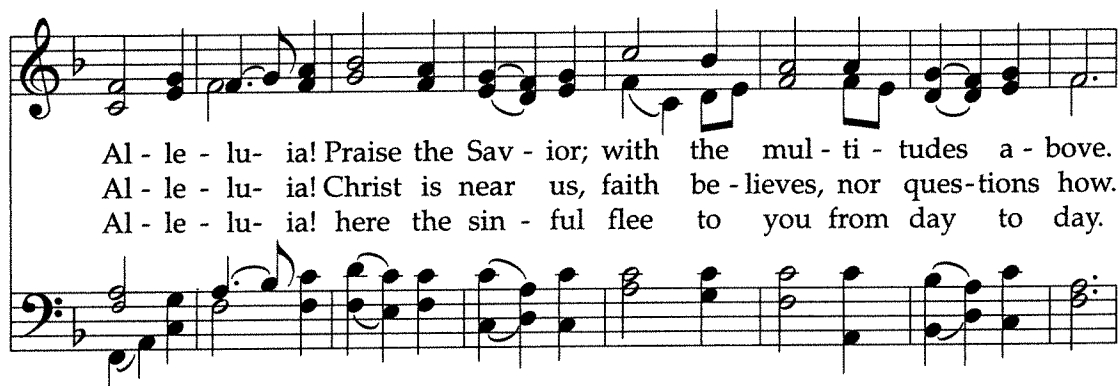
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| Anne Loveless, Worship Leader           | Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist        |
| Wally Miller, Sound                     | Rev. Charlotte Hoppe, Preaching & Presiding |
| Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol, Senior Minister |                        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

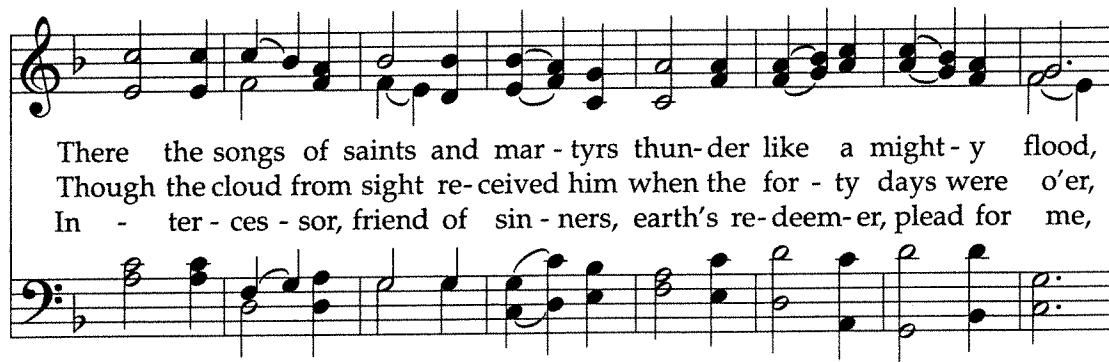
## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



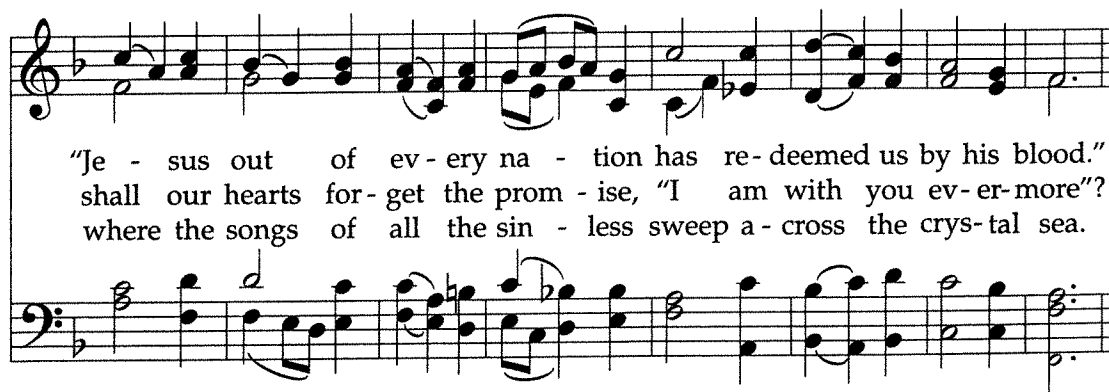
1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus, ris - en now to reign in love.  
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans we are left in sor - row now.  
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Heav - en, be on earth our food and stay.



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Sav - ior; with the mul - ti - tudes a - bove.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from day to day.



There the songs of saints and mar - tyrs thun - der like a might - y flood,  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er,  
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, plead for me,



"Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 shall our hearts for - get the prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

## 575 Come and Find the Quiet Center

*Unison* F B $\flat$  C7

1. Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we

F F B $\flat$

2. Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the

C7 F Am7

3. In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's

Dm Am7 Dm Am7 B $\flat$  (C7)

lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the

F B $\flat$  C7 F

pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our



## 231 Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

F Dm Gm Dm Am Gm7

1. Sing of one who walks be - side us and this day is  
 2. We have walked with him as strang - ers through the jour - ney  
 3. Ris - en one, stay with us, raise us, once a - gain the

Bb7 Dm C Dm C Bb7

liv - ing still, one who now is clos - er to us  
 of the day, and have told him of the vi - o - lence  
 night is near. Dine with us and share your wis - dom,

Am Bb7 C F F Dm7

than the thoughts our hearts dis - till, Christ who once up -  
 that has swept our hope a - way. He has of - fered  
 free our hearts from ev - 'ry fear. In the calm of

Bb7 Gm7 Bb7 Am7 Bb7 Gm7 C

on a hill - top, raised a - gainst the power of sin,  
 words of com - fort, words of en - er - gy and light.  
 each new eve - ning, in the fresh - ness of each dawn,

F Dm C Gm7 Am Bb7 C6 C F

died in love as his own crea - tures cru - ci - fied their God and Friend!  
 Did our hearts not blaze with - in us as he broke the bread this night?  
 if you hold us fast in friend - ship we will nev - er be a - lone.

## He Lives!

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in' the world to - day;  
 2. In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,  
 3. Re - joice, re-joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what-ev - er oth - ers say.  
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.  
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;  
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

and just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.  
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.  
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

WORDS and MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

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76.76.76.74 w. refrain

RESURRECTION AND EXALTATION

*Refrain*

He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!  
(he lives) (he lives)

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.

He lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!  
(he lives) (he lives)

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart.