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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025 10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Prelude Improvisation [from 60 Pieces] Paulette McClellan

by Flor Peeters

*Call to Worship (based in part on Psalm 67)

Michael Perlin

One: Friends, may we know that God is gracious to us and blesses us.

Many: And may we know God's face shining upon us, One: that God's way may be known throughout the earth,

Many: God's saving power among all nations.

One: Let us be glad and sing for joy!

Many: For God guides us as our ever-present Advocate.
One: Let us worship our God with praise and thanksgiving.

Many: Following the example of Christ in an advocating presence.

*Opening Hymn Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service 461 (vv 1, 3)

*Opening Prayer Michael

Holy God. As we gather to worship you this day, we are grateful for the gift of your peace and abiding presence. Fill our hearts and minds with awareness of your love and the advocating presence of your Holy Spirit. Guide us to be a reflection of your love and the teachings of Jesus by advocating for others and lifting up those who struggle. May we focus on living resurrection in the ways that we serve others. In your many holy names we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Acts 16:9-15 Michael

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When Paul had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a

leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

Prayer Hymn

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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

Seek Ye First

Vista Voices

by Karen Lafferty; arr. by Lloyd Larson

Sermon Text

John 14:23-29

Rev. Dawn

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Parent who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Parent will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Parent, because the Parent is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

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Sermon

"Living Resurrection: Advocates"

Rev. Dawn

*Song of Response

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Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Charlotte Hoppe

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*Communion Hymn Words of Institution Prayers for the Elements Receiving Communion	Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters	365 Rev. Dawn Charlotte
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Dawn
Invitation to the Community of MVCC		Rev. Dawn
*Closing Hymn	Go Outside	
*Announcements		Rev. Dawn
*Benediction		Rev. Dawn
Postlude	All Creatures of Our God and King arr. by Don Hustad	Paulette
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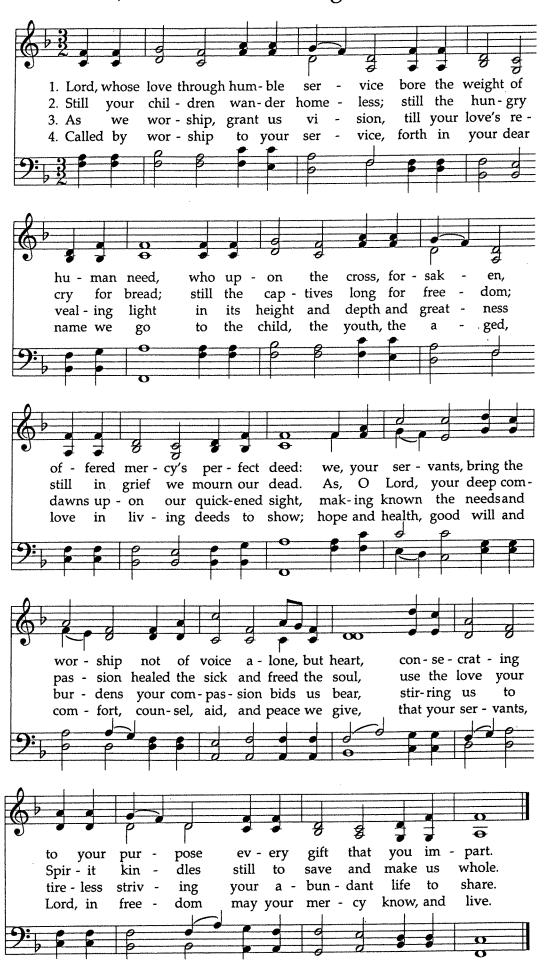
Michael Perlin, Worship Leader

Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist

Wally Miller, Sound

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

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## Go Outside

