

Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Prelude

Three Organ Meditations: III
by Gilbert Martin

Paulette McClellan

*Call to Worship

Gerri Warner

One: Beloveds of God, let us present our whole selves – body, mind, and spirit – as living offerings to God.

Many: We come bringing our varied gifts in service for the common good.

One: Let us seek to walk in the ways of Christ – serving others with compassion, mercy, and grace.

Many: We worship with open hearts and willing hands, ready to be transformed.

One: Let us worship the one who forms us into one body, each with a vital role to play.

Many: We gather to joyfully worship our God with all that we are.

*Opening Hymn

Here We Gather as God's People

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*Opening Prayer

Gerri

Gracious God. You call us to present our lives as a living offering – to be shaped not by the world, but by your transforming love. In this time of worship, renew our minds and open our hearts, that we will discern your will and walk in your ways. May we respond to the needs of others with wisdom and care, honoring the gifts of each person and building up the body of Christ. Teach us to serve with humility, to lead with compassion, and to work together for the common good. Gather us now in your Spirit and make us one body, diverse in grace, united in purpose, joyful in worship, and faithful in mission. In your many holy names we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Acts 6:1-7a

Gerri

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily

distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, our siblings in Christ, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem.

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

Prayer Hymn

Make Me a Servant

(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

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
by Ken Medema, arr. by Jack Schrade

Laurel Deming, solo

Sermon Text

Romans 12:1-8

Rev. Dawn

I appeal to you therefore, by siblings, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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Sermon

"Moving Forward: in Service"

Rev. Dawn

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table Joni Harstine

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

*Communion Hymn *Gather Your People* (vv 1, 2)

Words of Institution Rev. Dawn

Prayers for the Elements Joni

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Dawn

Invitation to the Community of MVCC Rev. Dawn

*Closing Hymn *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* 461 (v 4)

*Announcements Rev. Dawn

*Benediction Rev. Dawn

Postlude *Andante from Sonata IV, Op. 65* Paulette
by Felix Mendelssohn

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



# Here We Gather as God's People 294



Here we gath - er as God's peo - ple with our friends from far and near;



let our voic - es sound with prais - es know - ing Christ has called us here.



Now we seek and greet each oth - er, now in joy ap - proach our friends.



Here we min - gle, bound to - geth - er as to all our love ex - tends.

WORDS: Daniel B. Merrick, 1991  
MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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Harmonization: #16

John 13:14-16

# Make Me a Servant

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Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek. Lord, let me

lift up those who are weak, and may the prayer of my

heart al - ways be: make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,

make me a ser - vant to - day. *rit.*

Chord symbols: G, Em 7(4), Am 7(4), D7sus, Am 7(4), D7sus, D7, C/G, G, C6/G, G, B7 (b9), Em, Em/D, Em/C#, Cm 6, G/D, D7sus, G/D, D7sus, G/D, D7sus, C/D, G, G, Am7/G, G.

WORDS and MUSIC: Kelly Willard

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## 614 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*With a backbeat* G C G Am7 G

1. I'm gon-na live so God can use me  
(I'm gon-na live so) (God can

G7 C G7 C Am G C

an - y time and an - y - where  
use me,) (yes an - y time) (yes an - y -

G G C G B7

I'm gon-na live so God can use me  
where) (I'm gon-na live so)

Em C G A7 D7 G C G

an - y time and an - y - where.  
(an - y time,) (yes an - y - where).

2. I'm gonna work...

3. I'm gonna pray...

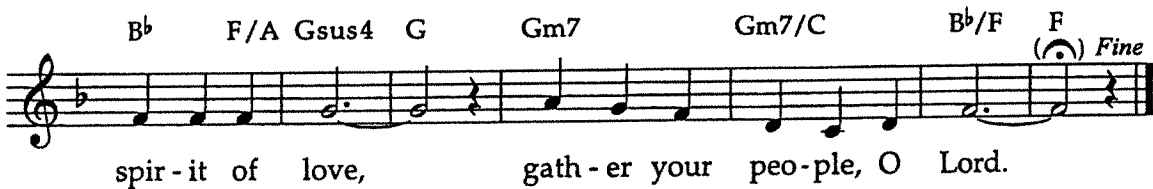
4. I'm gonna sing...

WORDS: African-American spiritual  
MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Bill Thomas, 1994

I'M GONNA LIVE  
Irr.

## Gather Your People

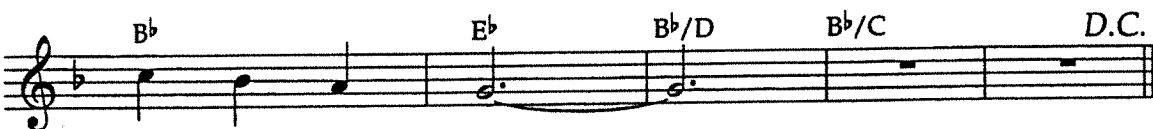
♩=112 With a gospel swing



1. Draw us forth to the ta-ble of life:
2. We are parts of the bod-y of Christ,
3. No more harm on the moun-tain of God;
4. Wash us, Lord, in the wa-ters of life,

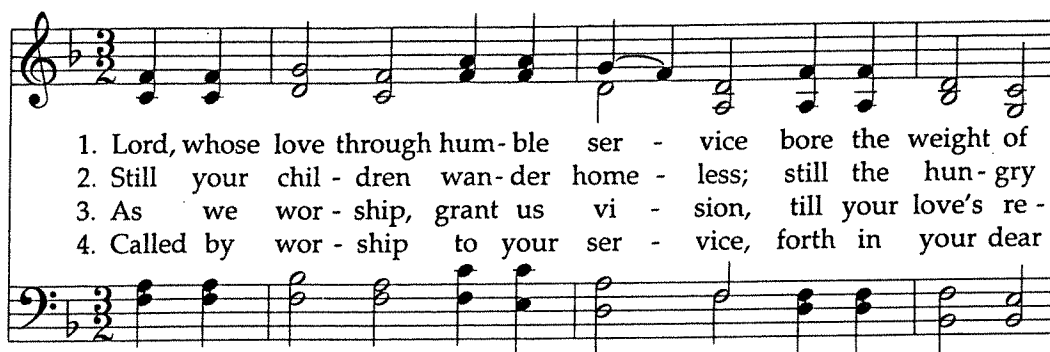


broth-ers and sis-ters, each of us called to  
 need-ing each oth-er, each of the gifts the  
 swords in-to plow-shares. Free us, O Lord, from  
 wa-ters of mer-cy, wa-ters of hope that

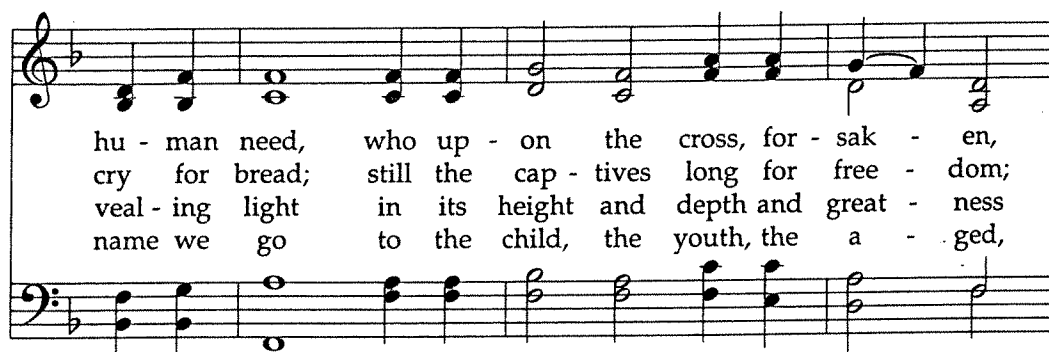


walk in your light.  
 Spir-it pro-vides.  
 hard-ness of heart.  
 flow from your side.

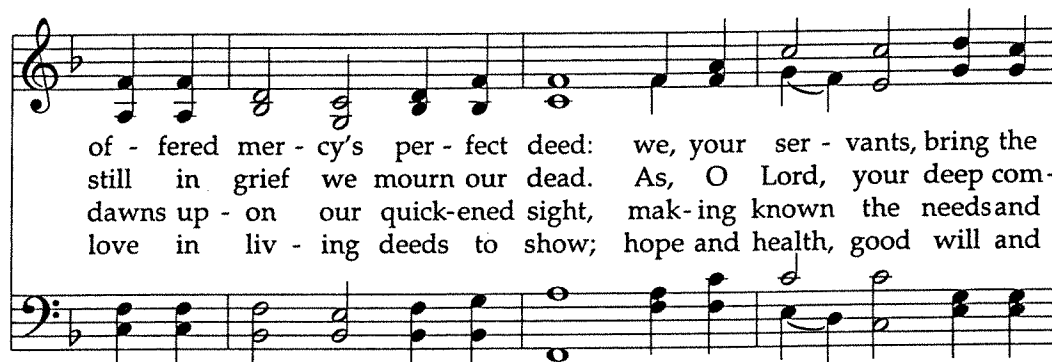
# 461 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service



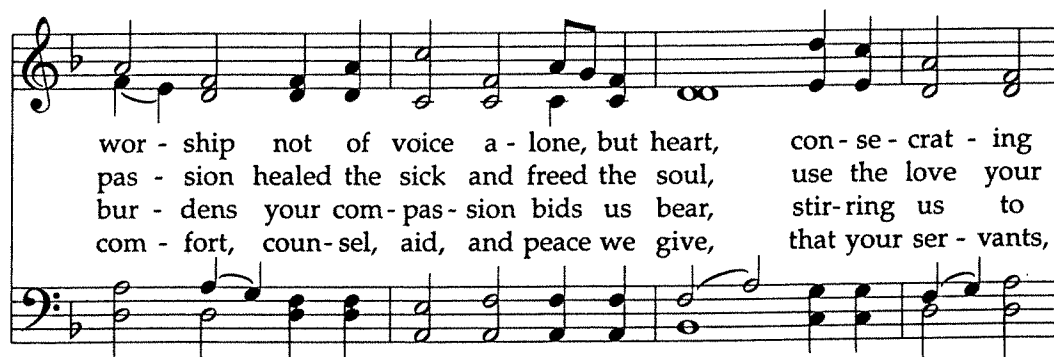
1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of  
 2. Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry  
 3. As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-  
 4. Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear



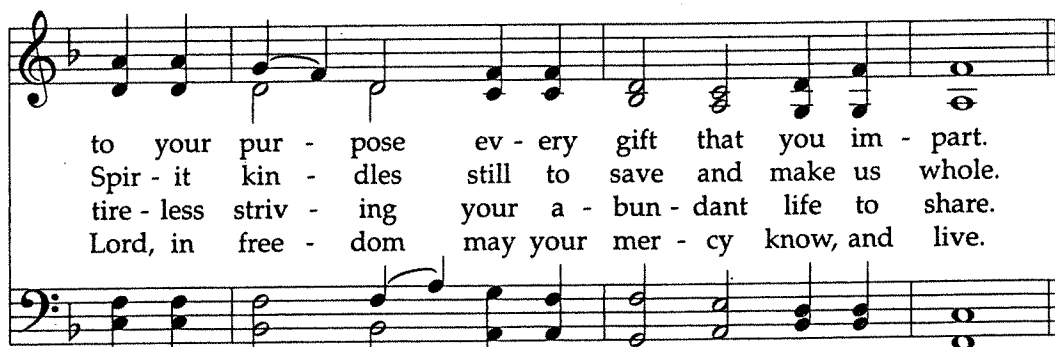
hu-man need, who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,  
 cry for bread; still the cap-tives long for free-dom;  
 veal-ing light in its height and depth and great-ness  
 name we go to the child, the youth, the a-ged,



of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed: we, your ser-vants, bring the  
 still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com-  
 dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, mak-ing known the needs and  
 love in liv-ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and



wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart, con-se-crat-ing  
 pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your  
 bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, stir-ring us to  
 com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser-vants,



to your pur-pose ev-ery gift that you im-part.  
 Spir-it kin-dles still to save and make us whole.  
 tire-less striv-ing your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know, and live.