

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

October 19, 2025

10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome Mike Pickard

Prelude *O Rest in the Lord* [from *Elijah*] Paulette McClellan
by Felix Mendelssohn

*Call to Worship Mike

One: This sacred hour of worship calls to us;
we gather in faith, hoping to hear the true word.

**Many: Hearing the call, we set aside the busyness of our lives;
we quiet the incessant chatter of our minds.**

One: We open our minds. We open our hearts.
We open our whole selves to this sacred conversation.

Many: In this shared experience of Word and Table, we worship together.

*Opening Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised* 612

*Opening Prayer Mike

Author of Life, Creator of all that was, that is, and that shall be: we seek you now. We open our eyes to the symbols of your presence that surround us: light from the candles, compassion from the cross, relationship reflected in every face created in your image. Help us to hear you speaking to us through all the elements of life. Sharpen our hearing and grant us discernment that is rooted in your love, that we may forgive as we are forgiven and love as we are loved, now, and in all the moments of our lives. We offer this prayer in keeping with the holiness of all Your Names. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Psalm 119:97-104 Mike

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me. How sweet are your words to my

taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

One: A word from God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayer Hymn

Take Time to Be Holy

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(Please share your prayer concerns & joys with us at office@montevista.org.)

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Mike

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Rev. Dr. Nancy Hitt

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

Balm in Gilead

Vista Voices

traditional; arr. by Mark Hayes

Second Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Rev. Nancy

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

One: A word from God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Our Itching Ears

Rev. Nancy

*Hymn of Response

I Am Thine, O Lord

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Stewardship Moment

Wayne Hammar

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	<i>We Gather Together</i>	276 (vv 1, 2)
Words of Institution		Rev. Nancy
Prayers for the Bread and Cup		Anne
Receiving Communion		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Nancy
Moment with Casa Q	David Snead, Board Chair of Casa Q	
Invitation to the Community of MVCC		Anne
*Closing Hymn	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	480
*Announcements		Anne
*Benediction		Rev. Nancy
Postlude	<i>With Peace and Joy</i> by J. S. Bach	Paulette

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Mike Pickard, Worship Leader  
Wally Miller, Sound

Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist  
Rev. Dr. Nancy Hitt, Preaching

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## O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;  
 3. O let me hear thee speak - ing, in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4. O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear;  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
 my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

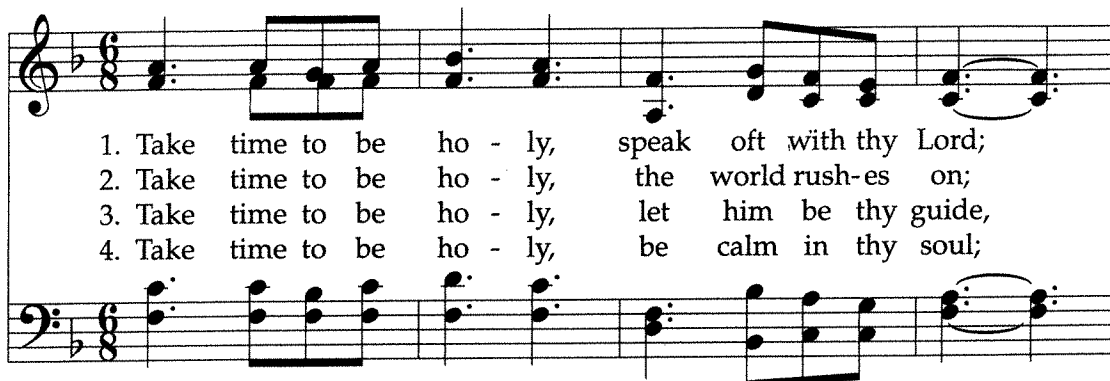
nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er, and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

WORDS: John E. Bode, c. 1868  
 MUSIC: Arthur H. Mann, 1881

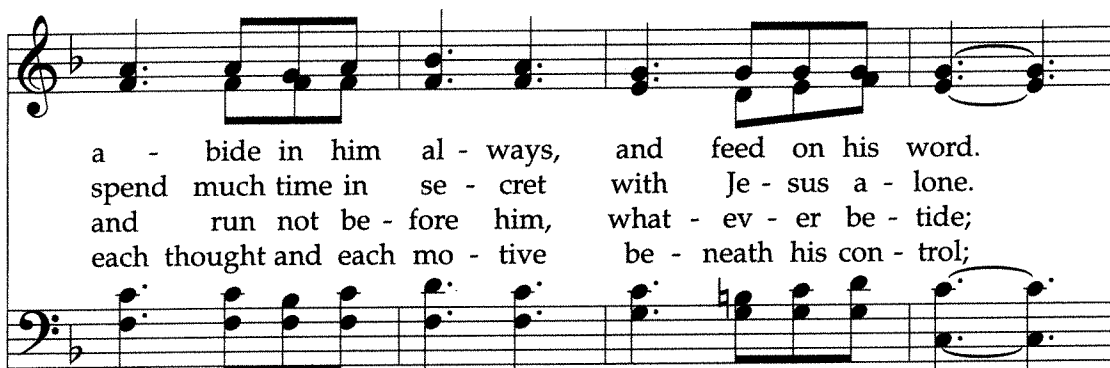
ANGEL'S STORY  
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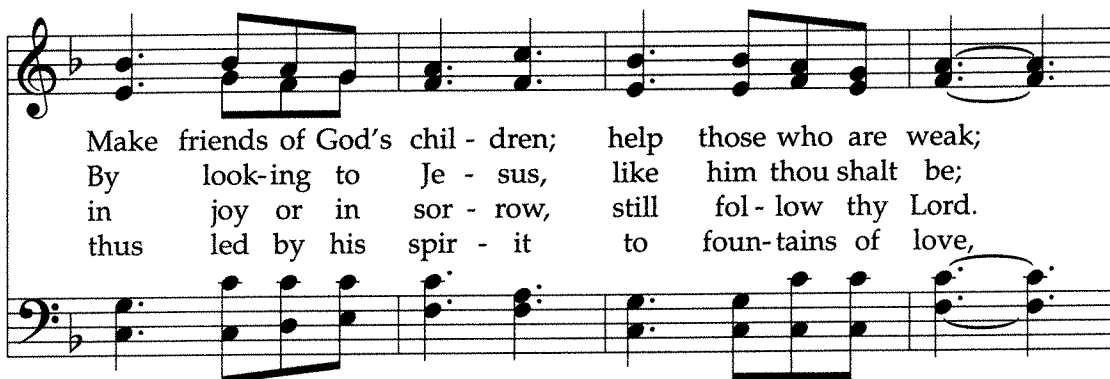
## Take Time to Be Holy



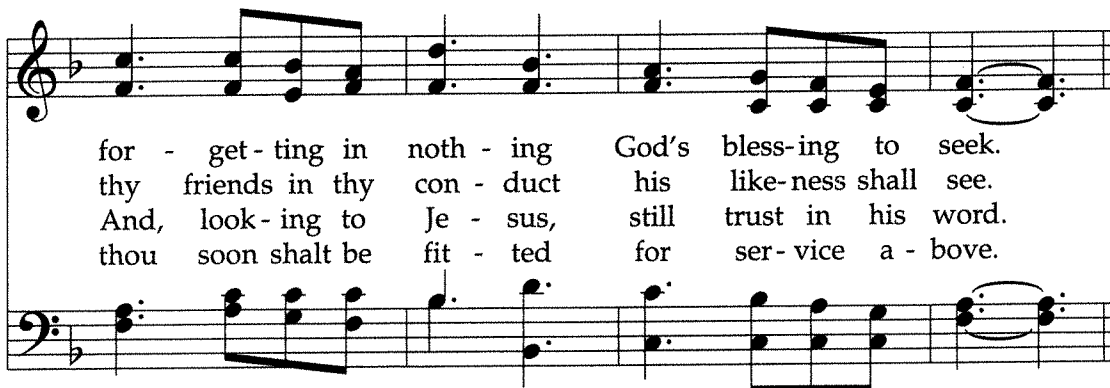
1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord;  
 2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush-es on;  
 3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide,  
 4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul;



a - bide in him al - ways, and feed on his word.  
 spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.  
 and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide;  
 each thought and each mo - tive be - neath his con - trol;



Make friends of God's chil - dren; help those who are weak;  
 By look-ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt be;  
 in joy or in sor - row, still fol - low thy Lord.  
 thus led by his spir - it to foun-tains of love,



for - get - ting in noth - ing God's bless-ing to seek.  
 thy friends in thy con - duct his like-ness shall see.  
 And, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his word.  
 thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

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## I Am Thine, O Lord

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to  
 2. Con - se - crate me now to thy serv - ice, Lord, by the pow'r of grace di -  
 3. O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour that be - fore thy throne I  
 4. There are depths of love that I can - not know till I cross the nar - row

me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be  
 vine; let my soul look up with a stead - fast hope, and my  
 spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I com -  
 sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I

*Refrain*

clos - er drawn to thee. Draw me near - er, near - er, bless - ed Lord,  
 will be lost in thine. near - er, near - er,  
 mune as friend with friend!  
 rest in peace with thee.

to the cross where thou hast died; draw me near - er, near - er,

near - er, bless - ed Lord, to thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.

## We Gather Together

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1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask for God's bless - ing,  
 2. Be - side us to guide us, O God, we per - ceive you  
 3. May all sing your prais - es, Re - deem - er tri - um - phant,

to turn to a wis - dom sur - pass - ing our own;  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing the pow - er of life.  
 de - fend us, be - friend us, what - ev - er may be.

the pow'rs that op - press us now cease to dis - tress us.  
 Yes, yours be the glo - ry; let all tell the sto - ry.  
 May your con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion.

O God, be pres - ent with us, and make your will known.  
 Our God, be ev - er with us, in glad - ness and strife.  
 Your name be praised for - ev - er, O God, make us free!

WORDS: *Nederlandsche Gedenckclanck*, 1626; tr. Theodore Baker, 1894;  
 adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981  
 MUSIC: Dutch melody (16th century); arr. Edward Kremser, 1877

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## I Love to Tell the Story

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1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of  
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what  
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I love to  
 seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I love to  
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And when, in

tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my  
 tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal -  
 scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old

long - ings as noth - ing else can do.  
 va - tion from God's own ho - ly word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill  
 sto - ry that I have loved so long.

be my theme in glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.