

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

October 26, 2025

10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome Gregg Rothrock

Prelude Paulette McClellan
Seelenbräutigam [Christ, Lead Us]
by Adam Drese, arr. by Craig Phillips

*Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 98) Gregg

One: From the small to the great, and from the great to the small, sing to God, for God has done marvelous things.

Left: Let the electrons circle their nuclei,

Right: Let the earth spin on its axis,

Left: Let the moons orbit the planets,

Right: Let the planets orbit the Sun,

Left: Let the Sun spiral in its galaxy,

Right: Let the galaxies revolve around their Creator,

All: Together for joy!

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*Opening Hymn 56 (vv 1, 2, 4, 5)
For the Beauty of the Earth

*Opening Prayer Gregg

Lord, we offer you praise. You are God, the great and mighty Lord over all. None is like you. None is greater than you. We praise you, for you are holy, mighty, glorious, and good. You have also always remembered your promises and have always been faithful. This was true in days of old and it is true today. You do not fail. We ask you this day to remember your promises and to reveal your desire and actions in us. We ask for you to shape our lives to be exactly what you desire for them to be. We ask that you would use our lives to demonstrate to the world around us that you are good, glorious, and great. We ask that you use us for the spread of your good news, the shepherding of your people, and the work of your justice and mercy. As the Psalmist wrote and sang of your glory, we are committed to your praise. Let us be a part of shining a light on your glory, and let us have the joy of seeing you magnified.

We ask this not because we are worthy, but because of your goodness and grace. With our joy in Christ we pray, Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 98:1a, 4-9

Gregg

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayer Hymn

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

545 (vv 1, 2)

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

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Rev. Charlotte Hoppe

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

Tune Our Hearts to Sing
by Mary McDonald

Vista Voices

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Charlotte

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were

going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon	<i>Water in the Desert</i>	Charlotte
*Hymn of Response	<i>God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending</i>	606 (v 1)
Sharing in Communion and Stewardship		
Invitation to the Table		Ted Cooley
(Your tithes & offerings can be given via online donations on our website , on the Givelify app , or by mailing your check to the church office. Thank you.)		
*Communion Hymn	<i>As Grain on Scattered Hillsides</i>	491
Words of Institution		Charlotte
Prayers for the Bread and Cup		Ted
Receiving Communion		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Charlotte
Invitation to the Community of MVCC		Charlotte
*Closing Hymn	<i>God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending</i>	606 (vv 2, 3)
*Announcements		Charlotte
*Benediction		Charlotte
Postlude	<i>Fugue on the Kyrie</i> by François Couperin	Paulette

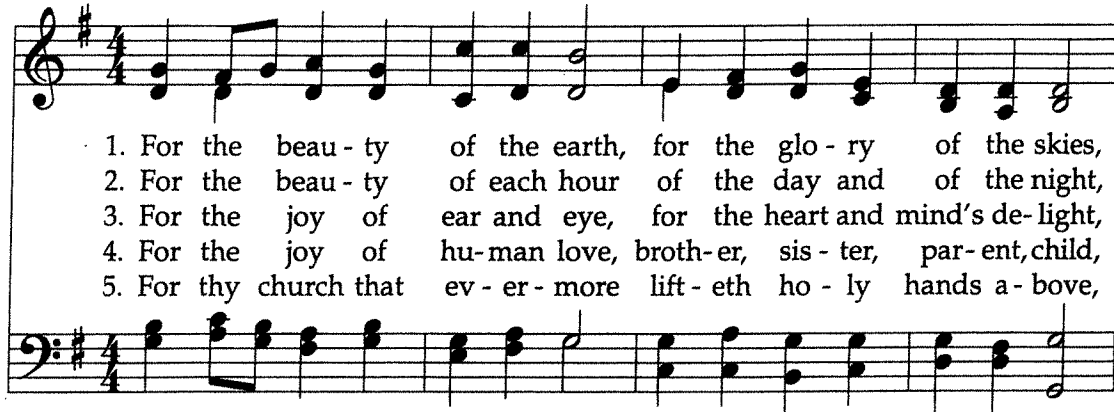
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Gregg Rothrock, Worship Leader  
Wally Miller, Sound

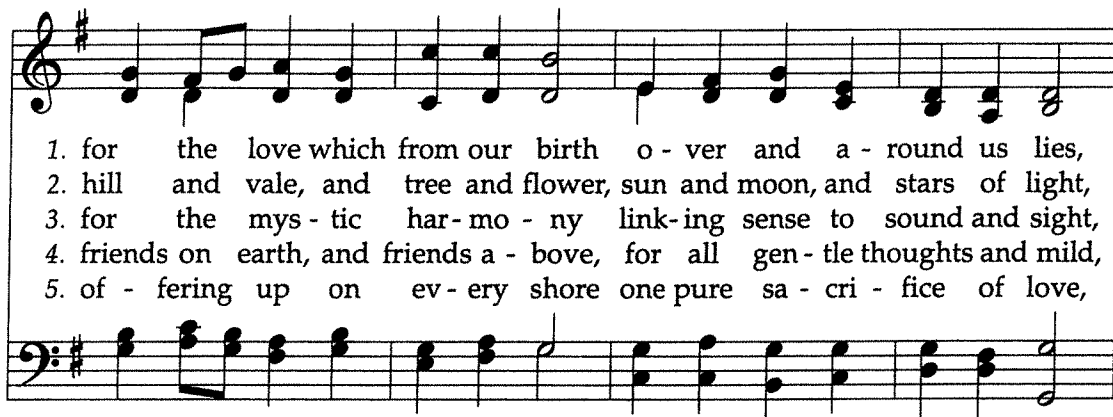
Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist  
Rev. Charlotte Hoppe, Preaching

## For the Beauty of the Earth

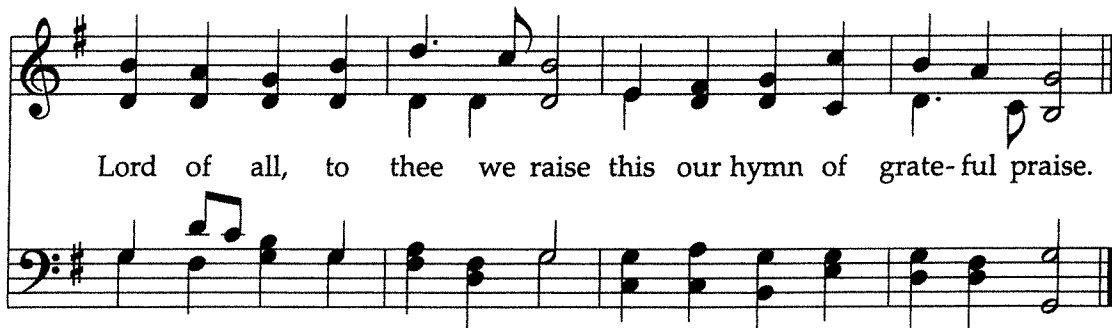
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1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,  
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis - ter, par-ent, child,  
 5. For thy church that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,



1. for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
 2. hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 3. for the mys - tic har-mo - ny link-ing sense to sound and sight,  
 4. friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
 5. of - fering up on ev - ery shore one pure sa - cri - fice of love,



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864  
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

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## 545 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O  
 2. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor  
 3. And when my task on earth is done, when,

words with heaven-ly com-fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher -  
 ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine; by wa - ters still, o'er  
 by thy grace, the vic-tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I

e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
 trou - bled sea, still 'tis thy hand that lead - eth me.  
 will not flee, since God thro' Jor - dan lead - eth me.

*Refrain*

He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me:

his faith-ful fol-lower I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

WORDS: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862  
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1864

HE LEADETH ME  
 LM w. refrain

## 606 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



1. God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store,  
 2. Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
 3. Trea-sure too you have en-trust-ed, gain thru powers your grace con-ferred;




na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door:  
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
 ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel Word.




gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering up our-selves in praise;  
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;  
 O-pen wide our hands, in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,




thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.  
 born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.  
 heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.



WORDS: Robert L. Edwards, 1961  
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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## As Grain on Scattered Hillsides

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*Unison*

1. As grain on scat-tered hill - sides, when gath-ered, makes one bread,  
 2. A grain of wheat is fruit - less un - til in earth it lies;  
 3. Like yeast that brings new fer - ment so life - less dough may rise,  
 4. O Christ, our ris - en Sav - ior; O Spir - it, ho - ly dove,

God, gath - er all your peo - ple as one in Christ our head.  
 then, dy - ing to its old life, it bears and mul - ti - plies.  
 your Spir - it is the leav - en of life that sat - is - fies.  
 come now and move a - mong us; make us a sign of love.

We come from man - y plac - es and we are not the same,  
 So may we die to ha - tred, to all our hurt - ful ways,  
 As salt en - hanc - es fla - vor, en - rich - es, and pre - serves,  
 Come, knead and blend each tex - ture with strong and gen - tle hands,

yet your strong love has called us to meet in Je - sus' name.  
 re - born to com - mon liv - ing, to love, to work, to praise.  
 may earth re - joice to sa - vor a church that heals and serves.  
 that we may be one bod - y, one loaf in man - y lands.

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1986, 1990

MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1983

MERLE'S TUNE

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