

Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome

Pastor Dave

Prelude

Meditation on 'Emendemus in melius'
by Kenneth Lowenberg

Paulette McClellan

*Call to Worship

Anne Loveless' Care Group

One: The good news of the gospel is:

All: manna in the desert, water turned into wine, love after loss, forgiveness after pain.

One: The good news of the gospel is:

All: release for the captive, hope for the hopeless, mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.

One: So come on in. There's no time to waste! This surprising good news is here for you.

Extinguish one candle.

All: Let us worship this good-news God.

*Opening Hymn

Forty Days and Forty Nights

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*Opening Prayer

Anne

Holy One, it is easy to see the mustard plant and forget to marvel at the seed. It is easy to taste good wine and not appreciate it. It is easy to miss the holy that is in our midst. So as we turn to your text today, we pray, surprise us. Speak to us. Move through us. Draw us closer to your good news. We wait with bated breath. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:31-32

Anne

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

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

Prayer Hymn *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* 211

Sharing of Joys & Concerns Pastor Dave

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Holy One, our Mother and Father, let your name be revered. Let your kin-dom come, let your will be done on earth as it is in the heavens. Give us today the bread we need for today. And forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace Pastor Dave

Special Music *Call to Lent* Vista Voices
trad., arr. by J. Jerome Williams

Second Scripture Reading John 2:1-11 Pastor Dave

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

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

Sermon *Surprise!* Pastor Dave

As we enter Lent, let us be intentional and joyful as we choose to remember.

Special Music *Enter with Joy* Vista Bells
by Kathleen Wissinger

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table Gerri Warner

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| *Communion Hymn | <i>I Come with My Devotion</i> | |
| Words of Institution | | Pastor Dave |
| Prayers for the Bread and Cup | | Gerri |
| Receiving Communion | | |
| Minute for Justice | | Gerri |
| Prayer of Thanksgiving | | Pastor Dave |
| Invitation to the Community of MVCC | | Pastor Dave |
| *Closing Hymn | <i>Let Us Remember</i> | |
| *Announcements | | Pastor Dave |
| *Benediction | | Pastor Dave |
| Postlude | <i>Variations on 'Wondrous Love': V. Allegro deciso</i> by John Eggert | Paulette |

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| Anne Loveless, Worship Leader | Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist                     |
| Wally Miller, Sound           | Rev. Dave McVey, Interim Minister, Preaching & Presiding |

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Forty Days and Forty Nights

1. For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;  
 2. Shall not we your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
 3. Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,  
 4. So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
 5. Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side;

1. for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
 2. fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?  
 3. vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint nor fail!  
 4. round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly.  
 5. that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

WORDS: George H. Smyttan, 1856, alt.  
 MUSIC: Attr. Martin Herbst, 1676

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# Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley 211

F F7 B♭ Gm7

1. Je - sus walked this lone-some val-ley, he had to  
 2. We must walk this lone-some val-ley, we have to  
 3. You must go and stand your tri - al, you have to

F Dm Gm C7 F7 3

walk it by him-self; O, no-bod-y else could walk it  
 walk it by our-selves; O, no-bod-y else can walk it  
 stand it by your-self, O, no-bod-y else can stand it

B♭ Gm7 F Gm C7 1-2 F B♭ F 3 F

for him, he had to walk it by him - self.  
 for us, we have to walk it by our - selves.  
 for you, you have to stand it by your - self.

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

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Second Sunday in Lent | Luke 7:36-50, Matthew 25:35-40

the good news is... great love for God and neighbor

# I Come With My Devotion

ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6 D

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Arthur H. Mann (1881)

I come with my de - vo - tion to love and serve my God  
 I hear my Sa - vior's call - ing to serve the lost and least  
 God made us in God's im - age each per - son whom we meet

[4]  
 Whose lov - ing cos - mos formed me be - fore I e - ver sought  
 The hun - gry and im - pris - oned, the bro - ken ones like me  
 Ex - tra - va - gant - ly lov - ing all of hu - man - i - ty

[8]  
 The glo - ry of the hea - vens or praise on earth be - low So  
 For in each act of kind - ness it's Christ for whom we care All  
 So I'll re - turn the love which has formed me from the start

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## I Come With My Devotion

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ev - ery gift I have now I lay be - fore the throne  
wor - thy of our love since it's God's face we bear  
Lov - ing my cre - a - tor, my - self, and ev - ery heart

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Fifth Sunday in Lent | John 8:2-11, Matthew 23:23, Micah 6:8

the good news is... rooted in justice, mercy, and faithfulness

# Let Us Remember

ADELAIDE 5.4.5.4 D

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: George C. Stebbins (1907)

What is im - por - tant? What mat - ters more?  
 We've been shown mer - cy all of our lives  
 Fol - low - ing Je - sus, liv - ing in truth  
 What does the Lord re - qui - re of us?

[2]

Hu - man con - nec - tion or keep - ing score? In our pur - suit  
 By the cre - a - tor of hu - man - kind So when we're in  
 We re - main faith - ful to our roots When those roots lead  
 To re - main hum - ble, lov - ing, and just Keep - ing the heart

[5]

of jus - tice and truth Let us re - mem - ber: we fall short, too  
 a po - si - tion to judge Let us re - mem - ber: they're just like us  
 us out - side the lines Let us re - mem - ber: faith is a - live  
 of the gos - pel in mind Let us re - mem - ber: do what is right

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