

Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
3501 Campus Blvd. NE Albuquerque, NM 87106

Live-streamed to our VistaStream YouTube channel
(<https://www.montevista.org/vistastream>)

Second Sunday in Lent

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

March 1, 2026

10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome

Pastor Dave

Prelude

Prayer
by Robert Schumann

Paulette McClellan

Extinguishing the Second Candle

Ted Cooley's Care Group

Leader 1: As we move deeper into our observance of the Lenten season, may the extinguishing our candles call us to awareness of the increasing darkness Jesus experienced as he moved toward the cross.

Extinguish candle.

Leader 2: And may our worship call us to the light of the ever-present good news the darkness will never extinguish.

*Call to Worship

Anne Loveless

One: Tell me something good!

All: God loves you more than you could imagine.

One: Tell me something good!

All: God loves *all* of creation more than you could imagine.

One: Tell me something good!

All: God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

One: This is good news indeed!

All: Let us worship our compassionate God.

*Opening Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

180

*Opening Prayer

Anne

Good news God, speak louder than the news updates. Speak louder than our mental distractions. Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear. God, speak loudly to us today, because we long to hear your good news once more. With hope we pray, amen.

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:35-40

Anne

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’

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

Spirit

249 (vv. 1, 3)

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

Come and Find the Quiet Center
trad., arr. by Anne Kent Organ

Vista Voices

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 7:36-50

Pastor Dave

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee’s house he reclined to dine. And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner.” Jesus spoke up and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Teacher,” he replied, “speak.” “A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?” Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” And Jesus said to him, “You have judged rightly.” Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not

anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little.” Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” But he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

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

Sermon	<i>The Good News Is Big Love</i>	Pastor Dave
Special Music	<i>When in Our Music God Is Glorified</i> by Lloyd Larson	Vista Bells

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship
Invitation to the Table Wayne Hammar

(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>What Is This Place</i>	289
Words of Institution		Pastor Dave
Prayers for the Bread and Cup		Wayne
Receiving Communion		

Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor Dave

Invitation to the Community of MVCC Pastor Dave

*Closing Hymn *In a Neat & Tidy Garden*

*Announcements Pastor Dave

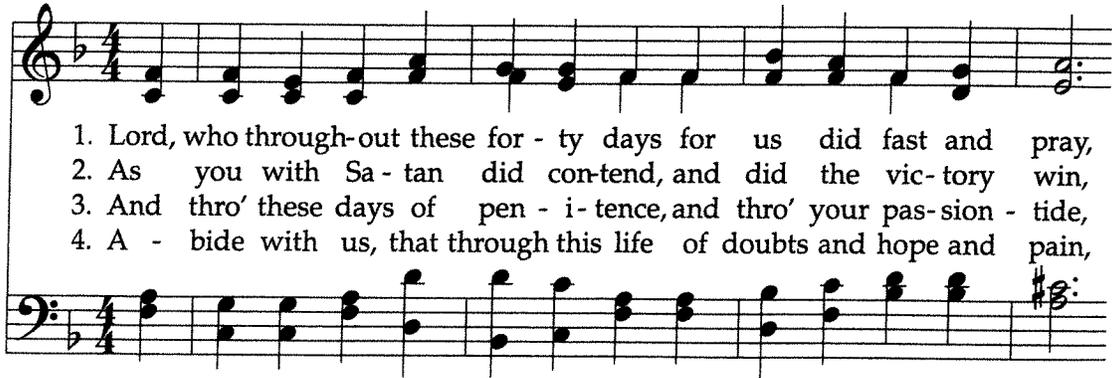
*Benediction Pastor Dave

Postlude	<i>Visione</i> [from <i>12 Characteristic Pieces, Op. 156</i>] by Joseph Rheinberger	Paulette
----------	--	----------

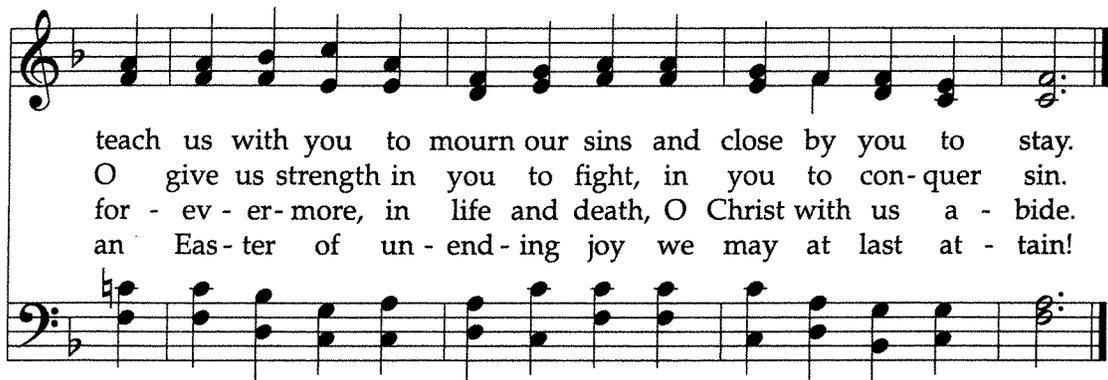
~~~~~

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

# 180 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and pray,  
2. As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, and did the vic-tory win,  
3. And thro' these days of pen - i - tence, and thro' your pas-sion - tide,  
4. A - bide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,



teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.  
O give us strength in you to fight, in you to con-quer sin.  
for - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Christ with us a - bide.  
an Eas-ter of un - end - ing joy we may at last at - tain!

Spirit

*Unison*

D G A D Bm

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness,

E A D G A D

call - ing and free, Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

Bm G A D G D *Fine*

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1. You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the  
 2. You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the  
 3. You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a  
 4. You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand, and you gift - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E A D G A

val - leys of sleep, and o - ver the e - ons you  
 law and a land, when they were con - found - ed with  
 whole world was still, and down in the cit - y you  
 cap - tives dream dreams; our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -  
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -  
 called once a - gain when you blew through your peo -  
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A D G/A D A D.C. al Fine

bers and rise on your wings."  
 ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 ple on the rush of the wind.  
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

## What Is This Place

1. What is this place where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the  
 2. Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in  
 3. And we ac-cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a

earth its floor, walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple, win-dows for  
 us like seed. Names for our God, dreams, signs, and won-ders sent from the  
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing, we are each

light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives when  
 past are what we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and speak a -  
 oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re-ceive what

we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
 gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.  
 we need to in - crease: God's jus - tice and God's peace.

WORDS: Huub Oosterhuis, 1967; tr. David Smith, 1970  
 MUSIC: *Nederlandsche Gedenckclanck*, 1626; arr. B. Huijbers, 1967

KOMT NU MET ZANG  
 98.98.966

Text and arr. © 1967 Gooi en Sticht, bv; all rights reserved; exclusive agent for  
 English-language countries: OCP Publications

♩=100-108

# In a Neat & Tidy Garden

ALL THE WAY 8.7.8.7 D

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Robert Lowry (1875)

In a neat and ti - dy gar - den grows a se - cret ti - ny seed  
Green and ten - der leaves I har - vest from the mus - tard grow - ing wild  
O - ther gar - den - ers may strug - gle and pre - tend they have con - trol

[4]

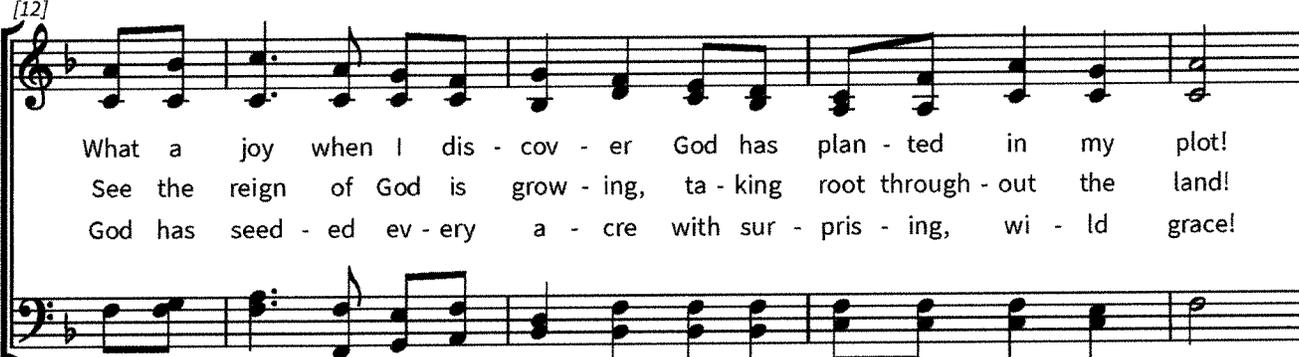
There a - mong the plan - ted bar - ley will e - merge a shock - ing weed  
To en - rich and spice my dish - es that were un - til now too mild  
O - ver land that God cre - a - ted but I'll tell you what I know:

[8]

Grow - ing quick - ly through the so - il to break forth in va - cant spot  
Un - ex - pec - ted and sur - pris - ing, un - con - trolled by hu - man hand  
I am not the Mas - ter Gar - dener, just a stew - ard of this place

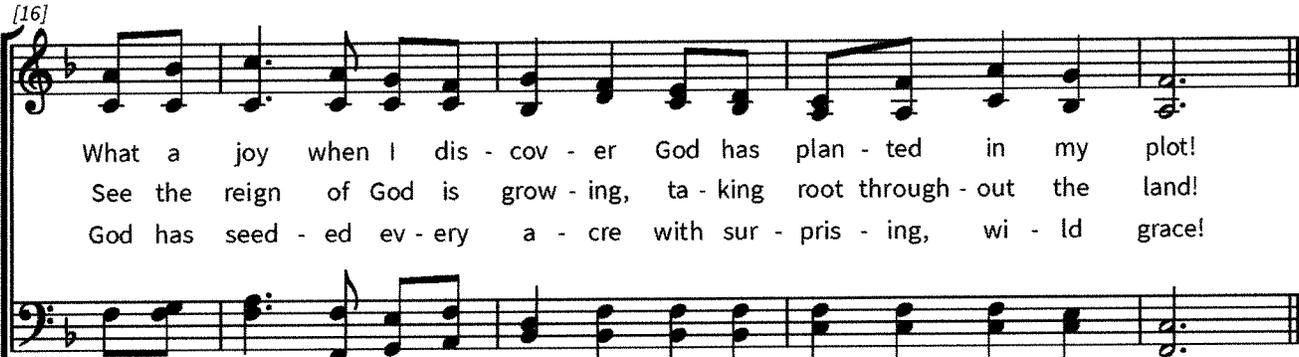
©Anna Strickland, 2025. Commissioned by A Sanctified Art, LLC. Free for congregational use.

[12]



What a joy when I dis - cov - er God has plan - ted in my plot!  
 See the reign of God is grow - ing, ta - king root through - out the land!  
 God has seed - ed ev - ery a - cre with sur - pris - ing, wi - ld grace!

[16]



What a joy when I dis - cov - er God has plan - ted in my plot!  
 See the reign of God is grow - ing, ta - king root through - out the land!  
 God has seed - ed ev - ery a - cre with sur - pris - ing, wi - ld grace!