

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

The good news is...protection & care for the vulnerable.

March 15, 2026

10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome

Pastor Dave

Prelude

Mother [Op. 33, #7]
by Edvard Grieg, arr. by Roger Wilson

Paulette McClellan

Extinguishing the Fourth Candle

Piecemakers

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

Richard Nunez

One: God loves the field mouse.

All: God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.

One: God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

All: God loves the child who rocks and claps.

One: God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

All: God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.

One: God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

All: God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.

One: God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

All: There is no bit of creation that God does not love.

One: So let us worship this good-news God!

All: Amen.

*Opening Hymn

Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill

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*Opening Prayer

Richard

Holy One, sometimes the simplest of your commands are the hardest for us to hear. You say, "Love your enemy."

"Turn the other cheek."

"Care for the widow and the orphan."

And we want to know: How? When? Where?

Today as we turn to your word, open up space in us to simply hear your truth for what it is.

Open up space in our hearts to dream new dreams, to imagine new realities, to draw closer to you and closer to love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we listen, we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 19:13-15

Richard

Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

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

See the Precious Children

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

Drop, Drop, Slow Tears
by Gordon Young

Vista Voices

Second Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

Pastor Dave

"You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow's garment in pledge. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this. "When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

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Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill

Refrain D Em7/D G/DA/DD G Bm7/A G A

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

F#m7 Bm Em7 F#7 G Em A/C# D *Fine*

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Stanzas Bm F#m/A G

1. You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
 2. In the pain and joy be - hold - ing, how your grace is
 3. Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
 4. You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

F Em D/F# G Bm A *To refrain*

peace and glad - ness, Spir - it of all com - fort: fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion: God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er, Spir - it of all kind - ness: be our guide.
 way of heal - ing, Spir - it of com - pas - sion: fill each heart.

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HEALER
88.63 w. refrain

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See the Precious Children

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Music: B. F. White (1844)

See the pre - cious chil - dren seat - ed on the lap of
 See the pre - cious wi - dowed wo - men glean - ing har - vests
 See the pre - cious for - eign stran - gers as they car - ry
 See the pre - cious dis - poss - essed ones ask - ing for some
 See the pre - cious world im - pov - erished by our ma - lice

[3]

Christ our Lord Called the great - est in the king - dom,
 from the field Then re - turn - ing to their kit - chen
 all they own To a land that's full of dan - gers
 food to eat Sleep - ing un - der star - ry heav - ens,
 and our greed Hu - mans, a - ni - mals, and pla - net

[6]

held so gent - ly and a - dored They are pre - cious
 to pre - pare their dai - ly meal They are pre - cious
 for the pow - er - less and prone They are pre - cious
 dai - ly liv - ing on the streets They are pre - cious
 cry - ing out for some re - lief We're all pre - cious

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See the Precious Children

[9]

in the sight of God who made each ti - ny toe In their
 in the sight of God who holds their bro - ken hearts In their
 in the sight of God who made their home-land, too In their
 in the sight of God who loves them as a child In their
 in the sight of God who made each ho - ly thing In our

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weak - ness they're held by love as each day they learn and grow
 sor - row they're held by love that re - deems each fra - gile part
 jour - ney they're held by love as they start each day a - new
 hun - ger they're held by love as they guard their hu - man pride
 liv - ing we're held by love as we care for e - very being

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Revision:
"someone" replaces
"a wretch"

Amazing Grace!

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1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved someone like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779; st. 4 anonymous
MUSIC: *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

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Many Are the Lightbeams

1. Man - y are the light-beams from the one light.
 2. Man - y are the bran-ches of the one tree.
 3. Man - y are the gifts giv'n, love is all one.
 4. Man - y ways to serve God, the Spir - it is one;
 5. Man - y are the mem-bers, the bod - y is one;

1. Our one light is Je - sus. Man - y are the
 2. Our one tree is Je - sus. Man - y are the
 3. Love's the gift of Je - sus. Man - y are the
 4. ser - vant spir - it of Je - sus. Man - y ways to
 5. mem - bers all of Je - sus. Man - y are the

1. light-beams from the one light; we are one in Christ.
 2. bran-ches of the one tree; we are one in Christ.
 3. gifts giv'n, love is all one; we are one in Christ.
 4. serve God, the Spir - it is one; we are one in Christ.
 5. mem-bers, the bod - y is one; we are one in Christ.

WORDS: *De unitate ecclesiae*, Cyprian of Carthage, 252;
 tr. Anders Frostenson, 1972, 1986
 MUSIC: Olle Widstrand, 1974; harm. A. Eugene Ellsworth, 1994

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