

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

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(<https://www.montevista.org/vistastream>)*

***Fifth Sunday in Lent***

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

**March 22, 2026  
10:30am MT**

**Order of Worship**

Welcome

Pastor Dave

Prelude

*Three Organ Meditations #1*

Paulette McClellan

by Gilbert Martin

Extinguishing the Fourth Candle

Fix 'n' Fix-it

\*Call to Worship

Janice Devereaux

One: Welcome to the weary and the worn.

**All: Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.**

One: Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

**All: Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.**

One: Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

**All: Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate to mercy.**

One: Welcome to the sinners and saints.

**All: This is God's house.**

One: You can make yourself at home here.

**All: Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!**

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

**All: Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

*If You Trust in God to Guide You*

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Holy One,  
when you speak, we don't want to miss it.  
When you bend down and write in the dirt,  
when you move through the trees,  
when you wake with the dawn,  
when you tug on our heart,  
or whisper into our dreams,  
we don't want to miss it.  
So today we pray, clear out the cobwebs in our ears.  
Quiet the steady stream of thoughts marching through our minds.  
Open space in our hearts so that we can receive your word for us today.  
With hope we pray.  
Amen.

First Scripture Reading: John 8: 2-11

Janice

*At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."*

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

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Hymn

*'Tis Midnight, and On Olive's Brow*

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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 kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

Pastor Dave

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 23:23

Pastor Dave

*Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.*

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

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*The Good News is Rooted in Justice, Mercy, and Faith*

Pastor Dave

Special Music

*I Saw the Light*  
by Hank Williams

Stan Flowerday

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship  
Invitation to the Table

Bonnie Sanchez

(All are welcome at the Table of Christ.)

\*Communion Hymn

*How Long, O God, How Long?*

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Words of Institution

Pastor Dave

Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Bonnie

Receiving Communion

Come forward as you are able to receive communion elements from servers. Servers will bring bread and cup to all who are unable to come to the front. All bread is gluten-free and dairy-free.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Dave

Invitation to the Community of MVCC

Pastor Dave

\*Closing Hymn

*Let Us Remember*

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If you would like to join MVCC by transfer of membership, make your confession of faith, or seeking baptism, please come forward as we sing.

\*Announcements

Pastor Dave

\*Benediction

Pastor Dave

Postlude

*Three Pieces, Op.1, II Barcarole*  
by Camille Saint-Saens

Paulette

Please remain seated for the postlude

\*Congregation rising as able.

# If You Will Trust in God to Guide You 565

1. If you will trust in God to guide you, and hope in God through  
 2. God will embrace your pain and weep-ing, your help-less an-ger  
 3. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un-swerv-ing; so do your own part

all your ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be-tide you,  
 and dis-tress. If you are in God's care and keep-ing,  
 faith-ful-ly, and trust God's word; though un-de-serv-ing,

and bear you through the e-vil days. Who trusts in God's un-  
 in-sor-row will God love you less? For Christ, who took for-  
 you'll find God's pro-mise true to be. God nev-er will for-

chang-ing love builds on the rock that will not move.  
 you a cross, will bring you safe through ev-ery loss.  
 sake in need the soul that trusts in God in-deed.

WORDS: Georg Neumark, 1657; tr. st. 1, 3, Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.; WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT  
 st. 2 tr. Jaroslav Vajda, alt. 98.98.88

MUSIC: Georg Neumark, 1657

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# 194 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow

1. 'Tis mid - night, and on Ol - ive's brow the  
 2. 'Tis mid - night, and, from all re - moved, the  
 3. 'Tis mid - night, and, for oth - ers' guilt, the  
 4. 'Tis mid - night, and from heaven - ly plains is

star is dimmed that late - ly shone; 'tis mid-night, in the  
 Sav - ior wres - tles lone with fears; e'en that dis - ci - ple  
 Man of Sor - rows weeps in blood; yet he that has in  
 borne the song that an - gels know; un - heard by mor - tals

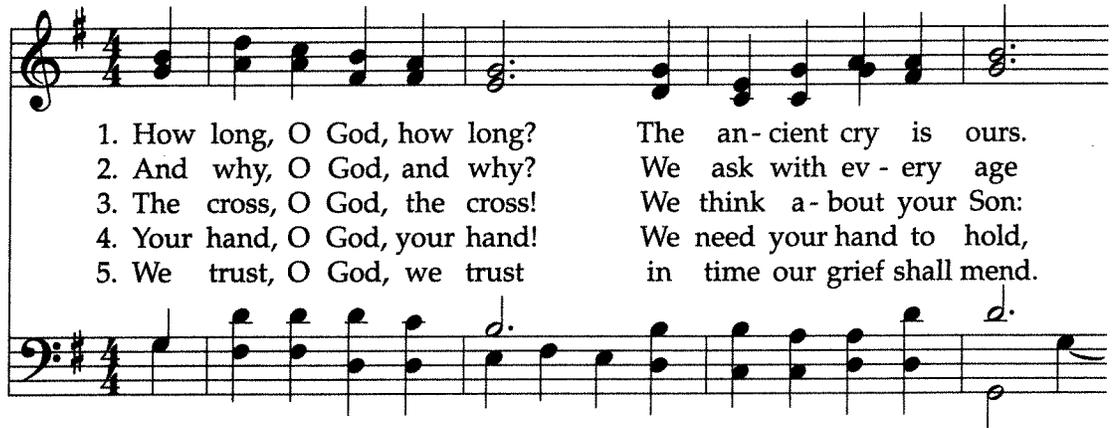
gar - den now the suf - fer - ing Sav - ior prays a - lone.  
 whom he loved heeds not the Sav - ior's grief and tears.  
 an - guish knelt is not for - sak - en by his God.  
 are the strains that gen - tly soothe the Sav - ior's woe.

WORDS: William B. Tappan, 1822  
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1853

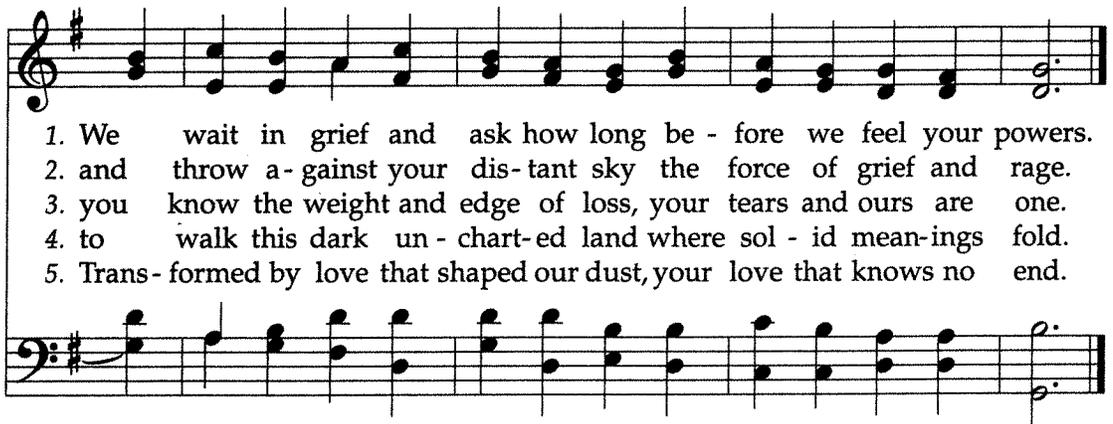
OLIVE'S BROW  
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# How Long, O God, How Long?

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1. How long, O God, how long?      The an-cient cry is ours.  
2. And why, O God, and why?      We ask with ev - ery age  
3. The cross, O God, the cross!      We think a - bout your Son:  
4. Your hand, O God, your hand!      We need your hand to hold,  
5. We trust, O God, we trust      in time our grief shall mend.



1. We wait in grief and ask how long be - fore we feel your powers.  
2. and throw a - gainst your dis - tant sky the force of grief and rage.  
3. you know the weight and edge of loss, your tears and ours are one.  
4. to walk this dark un - chart - ed land where sol - id mean - ings fold.  
5. Trans - formed by love that shaped our dust, your love that knows no end.

WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger, 1991  
MUSIC: Brent Stratten, 1993

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