

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

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

*Easter Sunday*

*The good news is...alive in the world*

**April 5, 2026**

**10:30am MT**

**Order of Worship**

Welcome

Pastor Dave

Prelude

*Thine Is the Glory*

Paulette McClellan

by G. F. Handel, arr. by Anna Laura Page

Lighting the Christ Candle

Bonnie Sanchez's Care Group

Reader 1: God is like a refiner's fire, and His Spirit kindles the hearts of His faithful people.  
May He bless this flame and those who keep this Easter celebration.

Reader 2: May the light of Christ who rises this day in glory scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Reader 3: We once were in darkness, but since we have become the Lord's people, we are in the light. May we live as people who live in the light through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Light the Christ Candle.*

\*Call to Worship

Linda Currin

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

**All: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken it's last breath.**

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

**All: But today, we know the good news is alive and well.**

One: The good news is dancing!

**All: The good news is on the loose!**

One: The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

**All: Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.**

One: Let us worship our good-news Christ.

\*Opening Hymn

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

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\*Opening Prayer

Linda

Holy One, all over the world, people are gathering to hear the same story. All over the world, people are gathering to hear how death lost its sting. All over the world, people are gathering together, praying for a glimpse of you. So like our neighbors all over the world, we pray, be here. Speak to us today. Soften the callused parts of our hearts until we can sense your Holy Spirit in our midst once more. With eagerness and hope, we run to the tomb. We sing alleluia. We bow our hearts. We listen for you. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

Linda

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see 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](mailto:office@montevista.org).)

Prayer Hymn

*The Strife Is O'er*

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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 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.**

Special Music

*Concertato on 'We Know That Christ Is Raised'*  
by C. V. Stanford

Vista Voices

\*Passing of the Peace

Pastor Dave

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24:9-35

Pastor Dave

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he

saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened. Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

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

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Alive!*

Pastor Dave

Special Music

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*  
by Kevin McChesney

Vista Bells

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Janice Devereaux

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*Communion Hymn	<i>In the Garden</i>	227
Words of Institution		Pastor Dave
Prayers for the Bread and Cup		Janice
Receiving Communion		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Pastor Dave
Invitation to the Community of MVCC		Pastor Dave
*Closing Hymn	<i>He Lives!</i>	226
*Announcements		Pastor Dave
*Benediction		Pastor Dave
Postlude	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i> arr. by Don Hustad	Paulette

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Linda Currin, Worship Leader  
Wally Miller, Sound

Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist  
Rev. Dave McVey, Interim Minister, Preaching & Presiding

*Descant*

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, A - le - lu - ia!

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,  
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,  
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,

Al - le - lu - ia!

Fol - low - ing our Head, A - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say,  
 Where, O death, is now your sting?  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,

Al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,  
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,  
 Made like him, like him we rise,

Al - le - lu - ia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, A - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?  
 Christ has op - ened par - a - dise.  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

Al - le - lu - ia!

# The Strife Is O'er

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done,  
 2. The powers of death have done their worst,  
 3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped,  
 4. Lord, by your wounds on Cal - va - ry

the vic - to - ry of life is won; the song of  
 but Christ their le - gions has dis - persed: let shouts of  
 Christ ris - es glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry  
 from death's dread sting your ser - vants free, that we may

tri - umph has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 live e - ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1861  
 MUSIC: Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1591; adapt. William Henry Monk, 1861

VICTORY  
 888 w. alleluia

CONCERTATO ON  
**WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED**  
 CONGREGATION PART

\*John Brownlow Geyer (1967), *alt.*

ENGELBERG  
 by Charles Villiers Stanford (1904)  
 arranged by HAL H. HOPSON



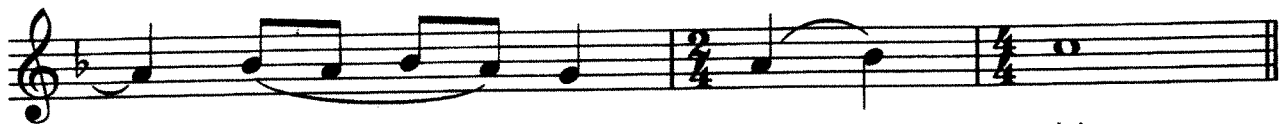
(All voices) 1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. —  
 (Treble voices) 2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. —  
 (All voices) 4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows —



— Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold, —  
 — Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life —  
 — As Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. —



— And our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. —  
 — As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. —  
 — The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: —



— Al - le - lu - ia!  
 (All) Al - le - lu - ia!  
 — Al - le - lu - ia!

(Choir) 3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son of life.  
 The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.  
 Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.  
 Alleluia!

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## In the Garden

1. I come to the gar-den a - lone, while the dew is  
 2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the  
 3. I'd stay in the gar-den with him though the night a -

still on the ros - es; and the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear,  
 birds hush their sing - ing, and the mel - o - dy that he gave to me  
 round me be fall - ing, but he bids me go; through the voice of woe

*Refrain*

the Son of God dis - clos - es.  
 with - in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he  
 his voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the

joy we share, as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

He Lives!

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in' the world to - day;  
 2. In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care,  
 3. Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er oth - ers say.  
 and though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair.  
 e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
 I know that he is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast;  
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

and just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.  
 the day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.  
 none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

WORDS and MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

ACKLEY  
 76.76.76.74 w. refrain

RESURRECTION AND EXALTATION

*Refrain*

He lives, he lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day!  
(he lives) (he lives)

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.

He lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!  
(he lives) (he lives)

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart.