

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

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

**April 26, 2026
10:30am MT**

Order of Worship

Welcome and Call to Centering

Pastor Dave

Prelude

*Meditation [from Symphony #1, Op 13]
by Charles-Marie Widor*

Paulette McClellan

Scripture Reading

John 10:1-10

Gerri Warner

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

*Call to Worship

Gerri

One: Come to the gate and find the Good Shepherd within.

Many: We need a shepherd –

round us up and bring us through your Gate, O Lord.

One: If you're hungry or thirsty, the Good Shepherd will provide for your needs.

Many: That is just what we need. Our souls thirst for God's word.

One: Come, the Gate and the Shepherd await.

*Opening Hymn

God Is My Shepherd

79 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

*Opening Prayer

Gerri

God of all the sheep, those who remain close to you and those who stray, those who are always faithful and those who are lost: be with us today! Help us take a look at our lives and our relationship to you. Bring us close, draw us in, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

Gerri

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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 of God, Descend upon My Heart

265 (vv. 1, 2)

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

Walk Softly

Vista Voices

Shaker hymn, arr. by John D. Horman

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Pastor Dave

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the

goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Life Back in the Fold* Pastor Dave

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Joni Harstine

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*Communion Hymn *Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken* 387

Words of Institution Pastor Dave

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Joni

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor Dave

Invitation to the Community of MVCC Pastor Dave

*Closing Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* 558

*Announcements Pastor Dave

*Benediction Pastor Dave

Postlude *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* Paulette
arr. by Anna Laura Page


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Gerri Warner, Worship Leader  
Wally Miller, Sound



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

## God Is My Shepherd



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1. God is my shep-herd, I'll not want, I feed in pas-tures green.  
 2. Re - stored to life each morn-ing new, I rise up from the dust  
 3. When I must pass through shad-owed vale, where loss and death a - wait,  
 4. No en - e - my can o - ver - come, no power on earth de - feat  
 5. Good-ness and mer - cy all my days will sure - ly fol - low me;

1. God grants me rest and bids me drink from wa - ters calm and clean.  
 2. to fol - low God whose pres-ence gives me con - fi - dence and trust.  
 3. I will not fear for God is there, my shep-herd strong and great,  
 4. the ones a - noint - ed by God's grace and fed with man - na sweet.  
 5. and where God reigns in heaven and earth, my dwell-ing place will be.

1. Through dai - ly tasks, I'm blessed and led by one I have not seen.  
 2. I praise the name of God to - day; in God I put my trust.  
 3. whose rod and staff will com - fort me and all my fears a - bate.  
 4. My cup is filled and o - ver - flows as I my Sav - ior greet.  
 5. My shep - herd bless - es, cares, and leads through all e - ter - ni - ty.



WORDS: *Scottish Psalter*, 1650; adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992  
 MUSIC: J. L. Macbeth Bain, 1915; harm. Gordon Jacob, 1934,  
 adapt. Walter W. Felton, 1955

BROTHER JAMES' AIR  
 86.86.86

# 265 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;  
 4. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear:  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
 no an - gel vis - it - ant, no o - pening skies,  
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;  
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove.

and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 My heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

# 387 Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

1. Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, wine of the  
2. Look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the

soul, in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were  
tears by sin - ners shed, and be thy feast to us the

spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead:  
to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1827  
MUSIC: John S. B. Hodges, 1868

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN  
98.98

## 558 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1. Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten-der care;  
 2. We are thine; do thou be- friend us; be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3. Ear-ly let us seek thy fa- vor; ear-ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre- pare.  
 keep thy flock; from sin de- fend us; seek us when we go a- stray.  
 bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with thy love our spir-its fill.

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear thy chil-dren when we pray;  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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