

**Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
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***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

**May 3, 2026  
10:30am MT**

**Order of Worship**

- Welcome Charlotte Hoppe
- Prelude *Cheshire* Paulette McClellan  
by Gordon Slater
- \*Call to Worship Michael Perlin
- One: We have come together because of God:  
**Many: We are created and sustained by the power of God's love.**
- One: We have come together because of Jesus:  
**Many: We accept his revolutionary example that shows us what life means.**
- One: We come together because of the Spirit:  
**Many: We experience that presence that inspires and blesses our fellowship.**
- All: This morning: Let us worship God through the presence of Jesus Christ among us with the help of the Holy Spirit.**
- \*Opening Hymn *I Come with Joy* 420 (vv. 1, 4, 5)
- \*Opening Prayer Michael
- God of Love, we need you now. Teach us to love those we have learned to hate. Teach us to pray for our enemies. To love you even in those we despise.
- God of Peace, we need you now. Teach us how to reconcile. Teach us to speak when we are silenced. Teach us to give up power when our power renders others powerless or mute.
- God of Joy, we need you now! Receive our burdens, they are many. Lift our spirits, they are weighed down.
- God of life, we need you now. Grant us grace where shame restricts us. Grant us life where pain takes hold. Grant us wisdom where we would settle for easy answers. Grant us love, rooted in the eternal, the living, in you!
- God bless us as we gather, in the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 42:1-9

Michael

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your torrents; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses 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

*In the Name of the Lord*

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Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Charlotte

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

Charlotte

Special Music

*Feed Me, Lord*  
by Patrick M. Liebergen

Vista Voices

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

Charlotte

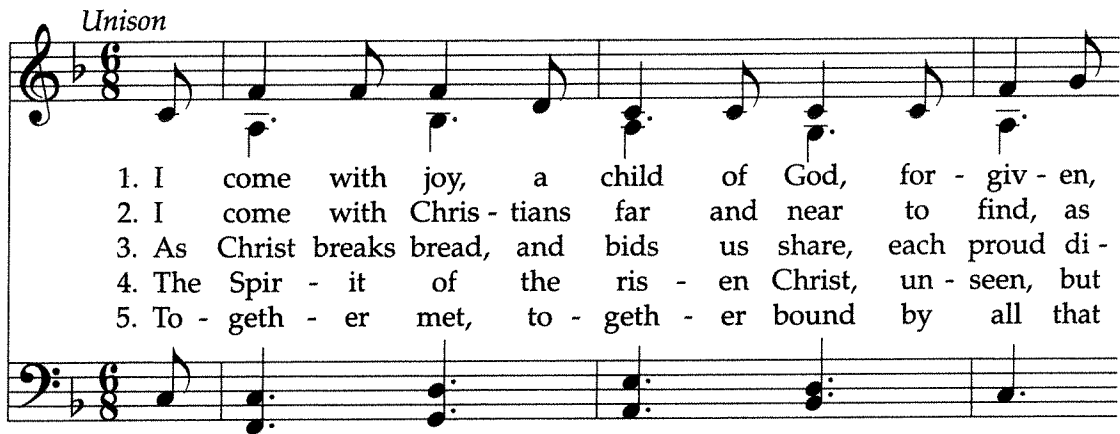
Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all



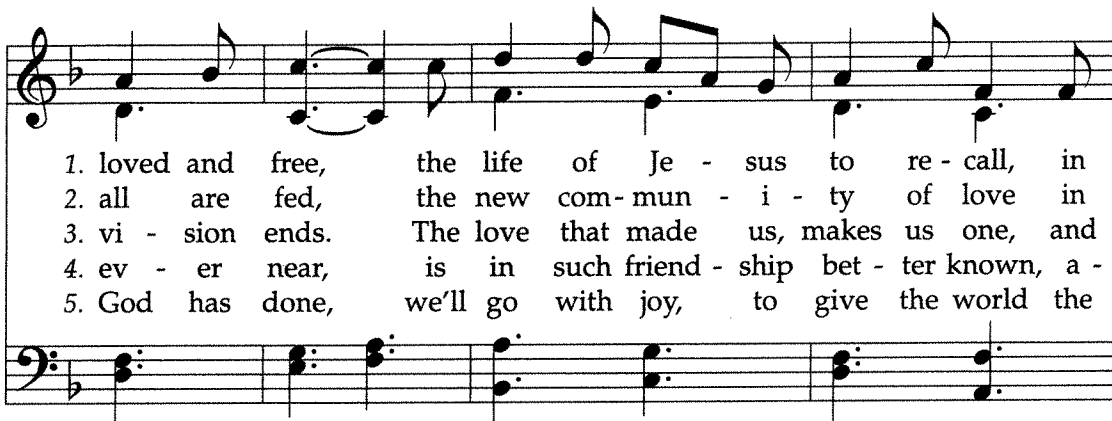
## I Come with Joy

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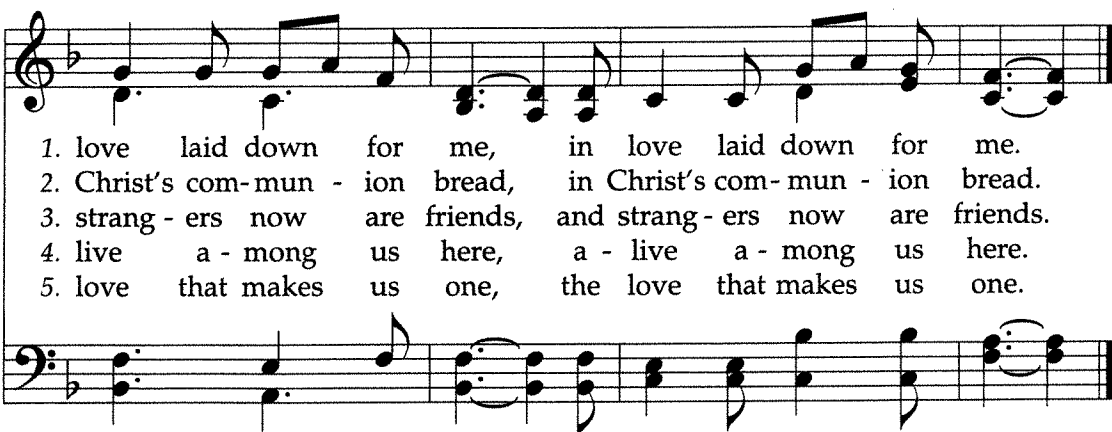
*Unison*



1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en,  
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as  
 3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di -  
 4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but  
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that



1. loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
 2. all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in  
 3. vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 4. ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 5. God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



1. love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 2. Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3. strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 4. live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 5. love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1969; rev. 1982, 1995  
 MUSIC: *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Charles H.  
 Webb, 1987

DOVE OF PEACE  
 CM

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# In the Name of the Lord

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There is strength in the name of the Lord; there is pow'r in the

name of the Lord; there is hope in the name of the Lord!

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

3 optional repeat

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WORDS: Phill McHugh, Gloria Gaither, and Sandi Patty, 1986  
MUSIC: Sandi Patty, 1986

IN THE NAME OF THE LORD  
Irr.

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# 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  
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## Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod,  
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

WORDS: James Weldon Johnson, 1921  
 MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

LIFT EVERY VOICE  
 Irr.

CONFLICT AND PERSEVERANCE

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.