

Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

10:30am MT

Order of Worship

- Welcome & Call to Centering Pastor Dave
- Prelude *Meditation on "Perfect Love"* Paulette McClellan
by Don Hustad
- *Call to Worship (in response to Psalm 68) Gregg Rothrock
One: Today we sing out the words of the Psalmist:
Many: Awesome is God who gives power and strength to people.
One: Blessed be God! Let's tell the story!
Many: God gives the desolate a home,
One: so let the righteous be joyful, exulting before God.
Many: May God be gracious to us and bless us.
All: Praise God whose face shines upon us!
- *Opening Hymn *Come Down, O Love Divine* 582
- *Opening Prayer Gregg
We are filled with joy, Gracious God, for the ways you make yourself known to us as we worship, sing, and live as followers of your Son, Jesus. Grant us energy to be followers in word and in deed, sharing love, seeking justice, and celebrating your gift of abundant life! AMEN.
- Scripture Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 Gregg
Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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 *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* 557 (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 *A Song Is a Gift to God* Vista Voices
by Mary E. Caldwell

Scripture Reading Acts 1:6-14 Pastor Dave

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *The Main Thing* Pastor Dave

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship
Invitation to the Table Charlotte Hoppe

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*Communion Hymn	<i>Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken</i>	387
Words of Institution		Pastor Dave
Prayers for the Bread and Cup		Charlotte
Receiving Communion		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Pastor Dave
Invitation to the Community of MVCC		Pastor Dave
*Closing Hymn	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	65 (vv. 1, 2, 4)
*Announcements		Pastor Dave
*Benediction		Pastor Dave
Postlude	<i>To God Be the Glory</i> arr. by James Pethel	Paulette

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Gregg Rothrock, Worship Leader  
Wally Miller, Sound

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

## Come Down, O Love Divine

582

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek now this soul of mine,  
 2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 for none can guess its grace, till love cre - ates the place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes its dwell - ing.

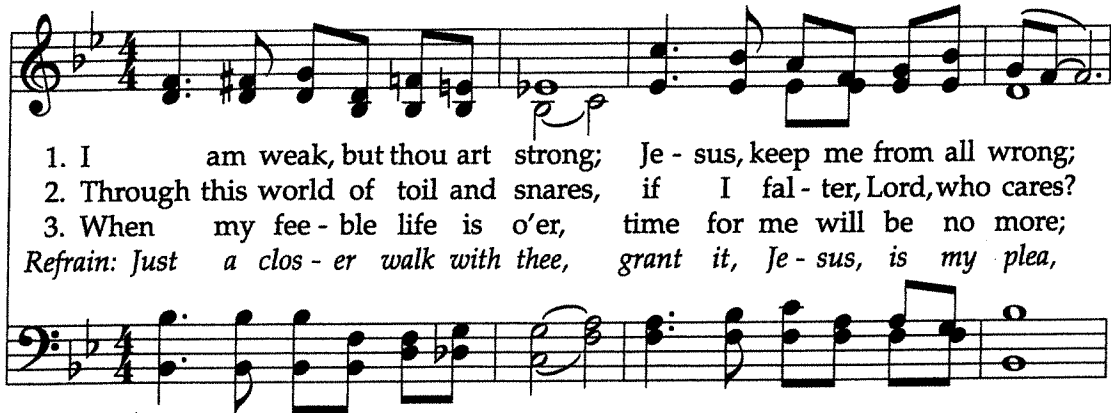
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 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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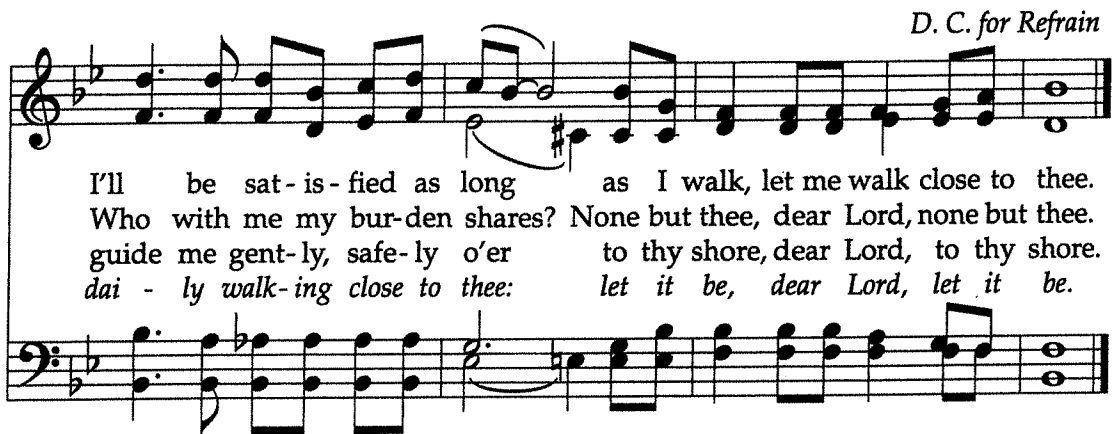
# Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,

*D. C. for Refrain*



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.  
dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

WORDS and MUSIC: Anonymous

CLOSER WALK  
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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

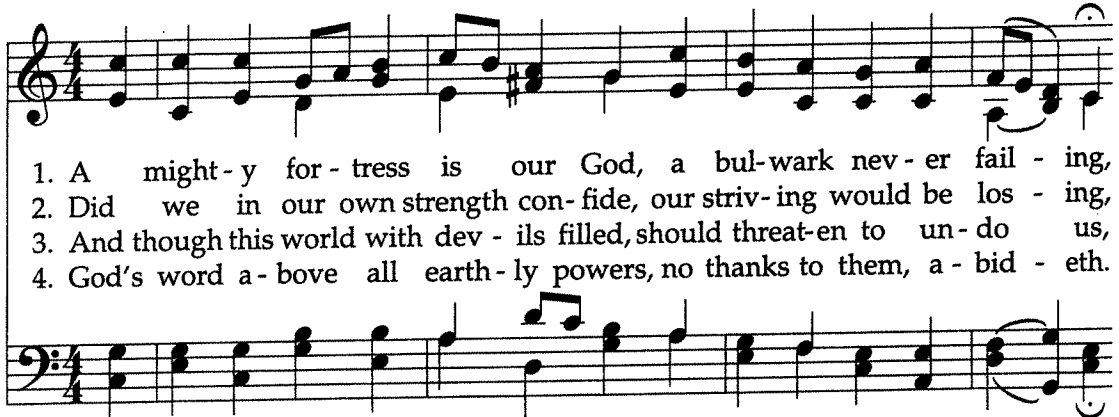
soul, in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were  
tears by sin - ners shed, and be thy feast to us the

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

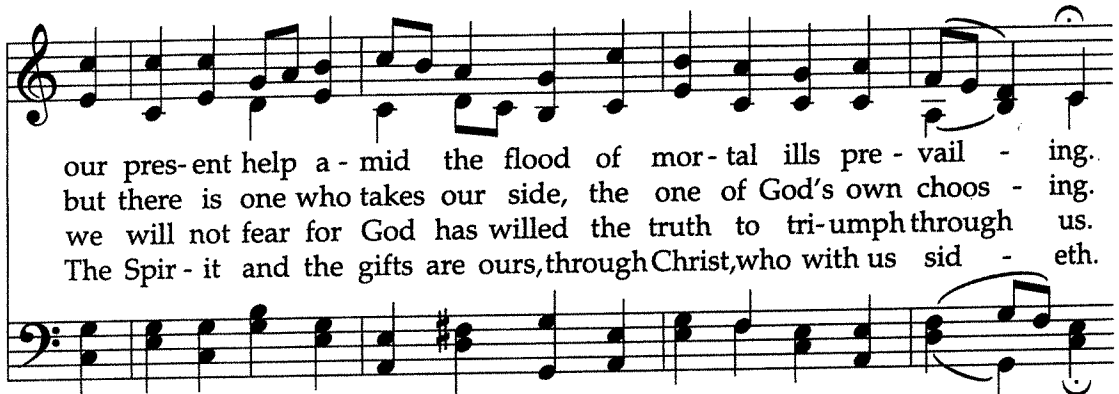
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MUSIC: John S. B. Hodges, 1868

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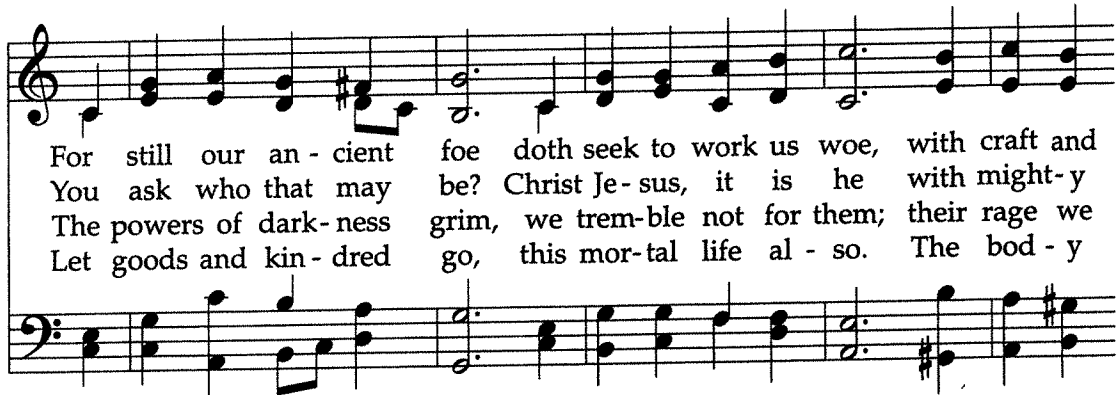
## 65 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



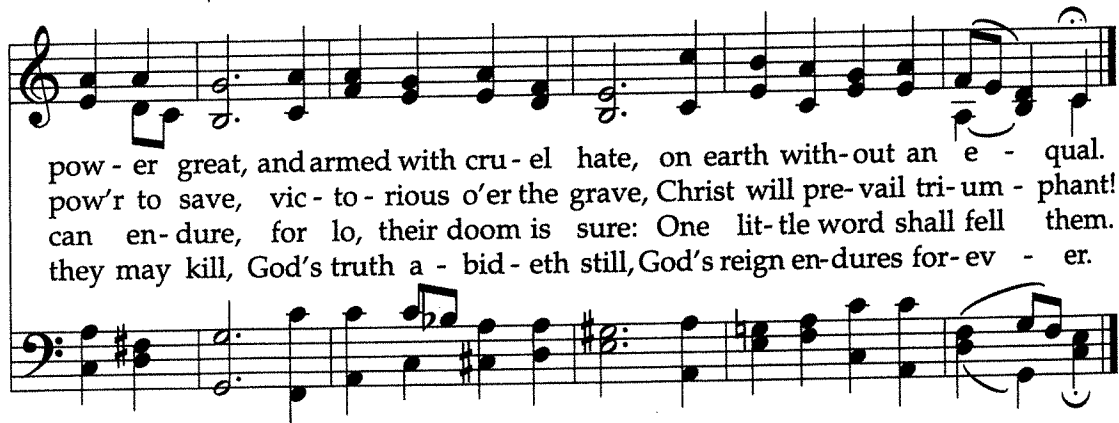
1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing,  
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,  
 3. And though this world with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,  
 4. God's word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth.



our pres-ent help a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.  
 but there is one who takes our side, the one of God's own choos-ing.  
 we will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri-umph through us.  
 The Spir-it and the gifts are ours, through Christ, who with us sid-eth.



For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe, with craft and  
 You ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he with might-y  
 The powers of dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for them; their rage we  
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so. The bod-y



pow-er great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth with-out an e-qual.  
 pow'r to save, vic-to-ri-ous o'er the grave, Christ will pre-vail tri-um-phant!  
 can en-dure, for lo, their doom is sure: One lit-tle word shall fell them.  
 they may kill, God's truth a-bid-eth still, God's reign en-dures for-ev-er.

WORDS: Martin Luther, c. 1529; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1852;  
 adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981, 1990

MUSIC: Martin Luther, c. 1529; harm. from *The New Hymnal for American Youth*, 1930

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