

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

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***Sixth Sunday after Pentecost***

**July 5, 2026**

**10:30am MT**

**Order of Worship**

- Welcome & Call to Centering Pastor Dave
- Prelude *Meditation [from Sonata #6]* Paulette McClellan  
by Alexandre Guimant
- \*Call to Worship Janice Devereaux  
One: "Come to me," Jesus invites.  
**All: We come to you.**  
One: "Come to me, if you are tired."  
**All: We come to you.**  
One: "Come to me, if you carry burdens."  
**All: We come to you.**  
One: "Come, and discover rest for your souls."
- \*Opening Hymn *O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near* 399
- \*Opening Prayer Janice  
Like an oasis in the desert, worship satisfies our sin-besieged souls. Today, help us find the good in this life by delighting in your presence, and help us find the hope you have placed in our innermost selves. Through Christ, Amen.
- Announcements Pastor Dave
- Scripture Reading Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Janice  
Jesus said to the crowds: "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,  
'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'  
"For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."  
At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes,

Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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 *Shall We Gather at the River* 701 (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 Contemplative Congregational Singing Travis Rourke, guitar  
on *Or Zarua* by Dan Nichols

Scripture Reading Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Pastor Dave

So he said, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I live, but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’

“I came today to the spring and said, ‘O Lord, God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also”—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if

you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

“May you, our sister, become  
thousands of myriads;  
may your offspring gain possession  
of the gates of their foes.”

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man, and the servant took Rebekah and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field, and, looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

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

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*The Searchers*

Pastor Dave

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Anne Loveless

(Your tithes & offerings can be given via online donations on [our website](#),  
on the [Givelify app](#), or by mailing your check to the church office. Thank you.)

\*Communion Hymn

*An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

385 (vv. 1, 2)

Words of Institution

Pastor Dave

Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Anne

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Dave

Invitation to the Community of MVCC

Pastor Dave

\*Closing Hymn

*Love Astounding*

\*Benediction

Pastor Dave

Postlude

*O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort [Op. 65]*  
by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Paulette

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Janice Devereaux, Worship Leader  
Wally Miller, Sound

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

# O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

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1. O God, un-seen yet ev - er near, re-veal thy pres-ence now,  
2. Here may thy faith-ful peo - ple know the bless-ings of thy love—  
3. A - while be-side the fount we stay and eat this bread of thine;

while we, in love that hath no fear, be-fore thy glo - ry bow.  
the streams that thro' the des - ert flow, the man - na from a - bove.  
then go, re - joic-ing, on our way, re - newed with strength di-vine.

WORDS: Edward Osler, 1836; alt.  
MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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# 701 Shall We Gather at the River

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have  
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver  
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den  
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will

trod, with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing  
 spray, we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the  
 down; grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro -  
 cease; soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the

*Refrain*

by the throne of God?  
 hap - py gold - en day. Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er,  
 vide a robe and crown.  
 mel - o - dy of peace.

the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er; gath - er with the

saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

## 385 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

1. An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he  
 2. A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
 3. And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
 4. No end there is! We de - part in peace, he loves be -

loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still  
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
 yond the ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our

gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.  
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.  
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1973  
 MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. John Weaver, 1988

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# Love Astounding

Jeannette M. Lindholm

HOLY MANNA  
William Moore, Columbian Harmony 1825



1. Love a - stound - ing, Love con - found - ing, lim - its, fear - ful minds im - pose.  
2. Love re - ceiv - ing Love be - liev - ing, we re - joice with thanks and song,



Love re - new - ing, Love pur - su - ing, ev - ery heart un - til it knows  
faith re - gain - ing, hope pro - claim - ing, Love has taught us, we be - long



Love's trans - form - ing, heal - ing, good - ness, Love's a - bid - ing gen - tle grace,  
safe with - in Love's ten - der keep - ing, safe from fear's per - sis - tent cal.



Love's en - dur - ance, Love's as - sur - ance, Love's con - sol - ing strong em - brace.  
Love de - fend - ing, Love un - end - ing, Love of God en - fold - ing all.