

Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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(<https://www.montevista.org/vistastream>)

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026
10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome & Call to Centering Pastor Dave

Prelude *Meditation from Sonata #6* Paulette McClellan
by Alexandre Guilmant

*Call to Worship (a response to Psalm 105) Charlotte Hoppe

One: Today we come to give thanks to the Lord. We'll lift our voices in songs of praise
and seek the Lord's presence as we worship.

**Many: We've come to remember all God has done and look ahead to what God
will do.**

One: This is a day to tell what the Lord did

Many: and look for signs of God's presence in our midst.

One: This is the day to recall the judgments of the Lord

Many: and praise the One whose name is holy.

All: So let's seek the Lord and give thanks. Praise God!

*Opening Hymn *Dear God, Embracing Humankind* 594 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

*Opening Prayer Charlotte

We do give thanks, Lord, as we worship you. We offer our praise, tune in our attention, and
seek your presence in our daily lives. Accept our desire to truly claim our identity as your
beloved daughters and sons. Help us rejoice as we join with myriads to remember the ways
you have acted in love for your creation and your creatures. AMEN.

Announcements Pastor Dave

Scripture Reading Psalm 105:1-5 Charlotte

O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing
to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the
hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence
continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments
he has uttered.

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	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	628 (vv. 1, 2)
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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.

*Passing of the Peace Pastor Dave

Special Music	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i> by George Bennard	Música del Aire
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Scripture Reading Matthew 14:22-33 Pastor Dave

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water, and came towards Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

One: A word from God for the people of God. **Many: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Ghost Story* Pastor Dave

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Gerri Warner

(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 *Gather Us In* 284 (vv. 3, 4)

Words of Institution Pastor Dave

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Gerri

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor Dave

Invitation to the Community of MVCC

Pastor Dave

*Closing Hymn

My Life Flows On

619 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

*Benediction

Pastor Dave

Postlude

I'll Fly Away
by Albert Brumley

Música del Aire

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Gregg Rothrock, Worship Leader

Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist

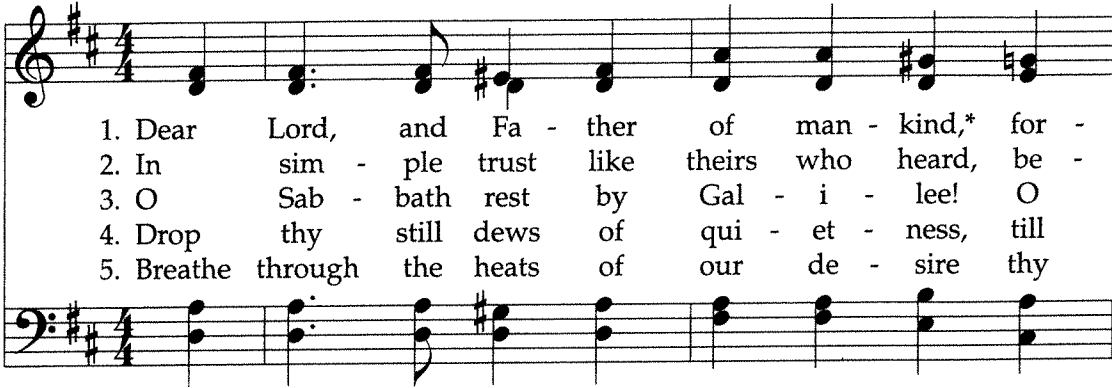
Wally Miller, Sound

Rev. Dave McVey, Interim Minister, Preaching & Presiding

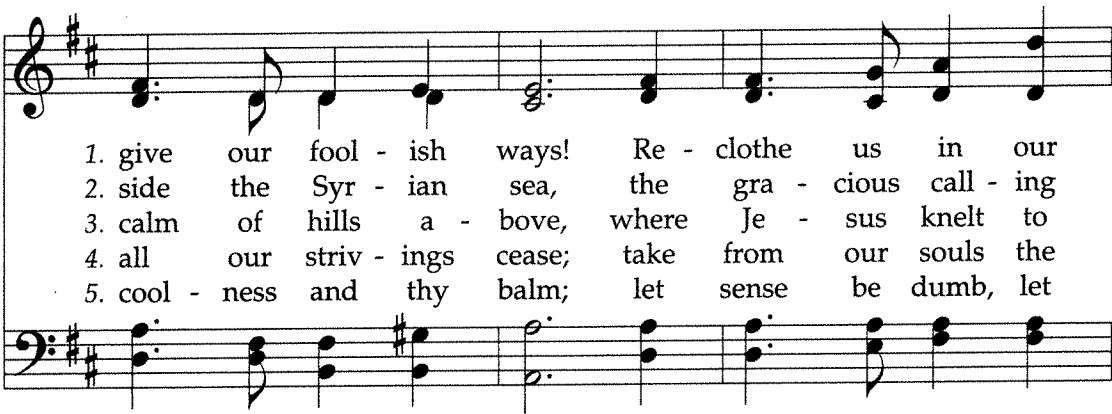
**We thank the members of Música del Aire for providing today's special music:  
José Apodaca, Linda Askew, Scott Mathis, Barbara Rivers, Cynthia Wooley**

# 594 Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind

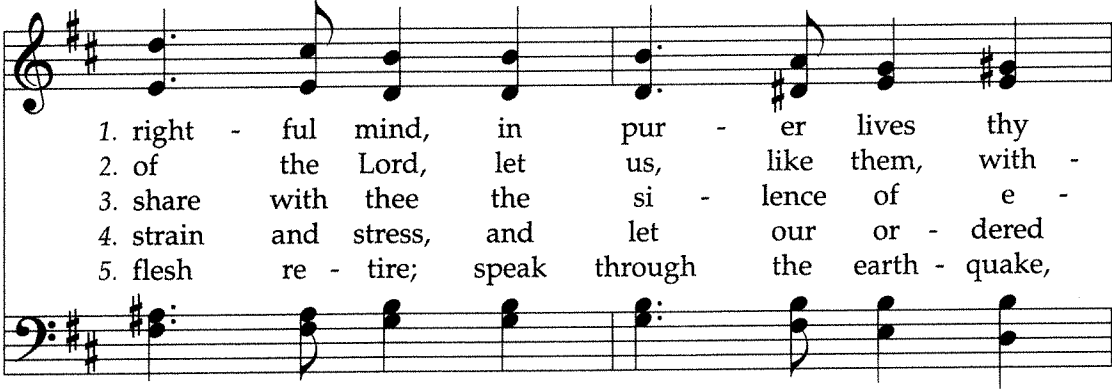
(Dear God, Embracing Humankind)



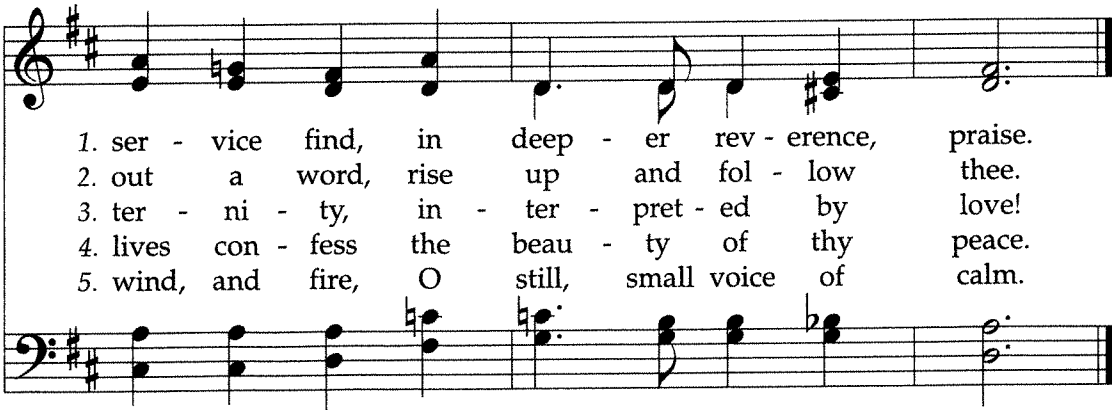
1. Dear Lord, and Fa - ther of man - kind,\* for -  
 2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -  
 3. O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O  
 4. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till  
 5. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1. give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our  
 2. side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing  
 3. calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to  
 4. all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the  
 5. cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1. right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy  
 2. of the Lord, let us, like them, with -  
 3. share with thee the si - lence of e -  
 4. strain and stress, and let our or - dered  
 5. flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake,



1. ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
 2. out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.  
 3. ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!  
 4. lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.  
 5. wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

\* Dear God, embracing humankind

## Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
 2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near,  
 3. When the dark-ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 when my life is al - most gone,  
 and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

*Refrain*  
 Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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## Gather Us In

Unison D A C G Gm/B $\flat$  Dm

1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, sha-dows of doubt are  
 2. We are the young—our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who  
 3. Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the  
 4. Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

C G D A C G

van-ished a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm/B $\flat$  Dm C Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1981

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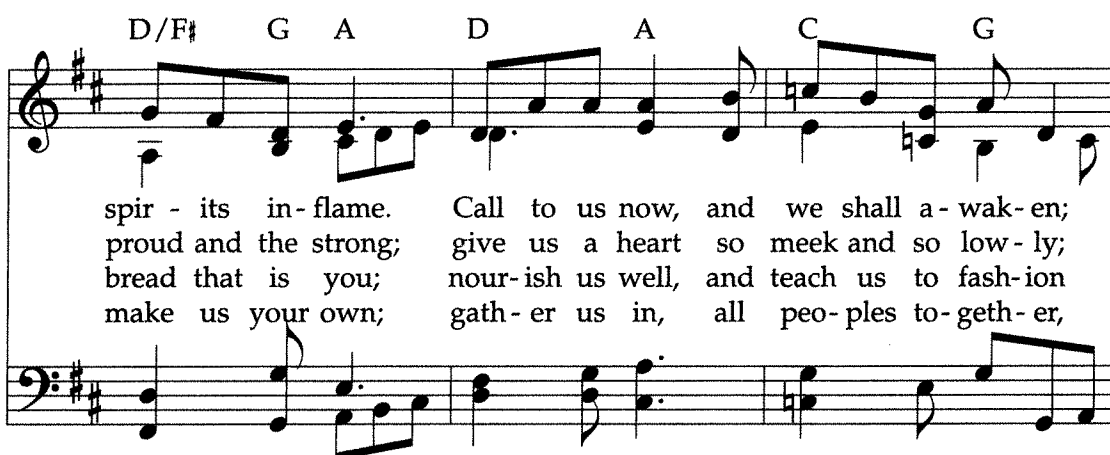
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A C/G D/F# G A C/G



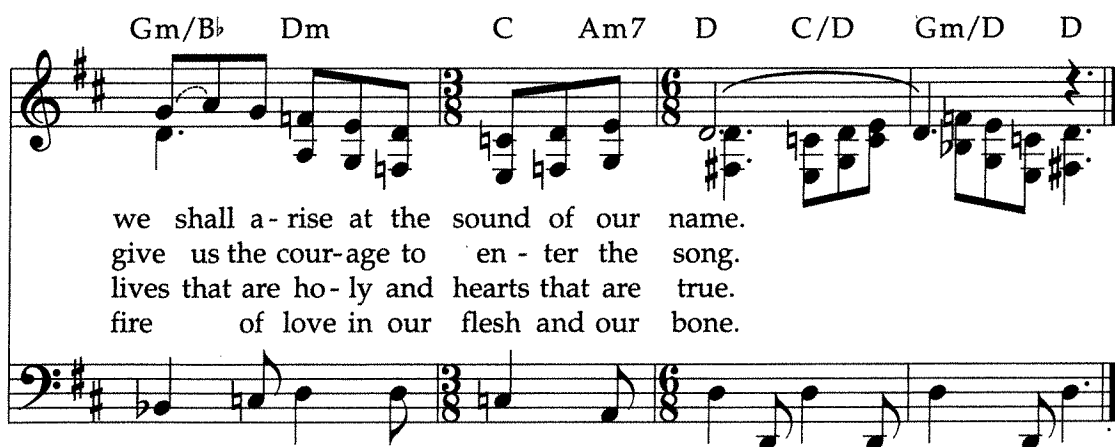
Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in; our  
 Gath-er us in— the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in— the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pass-ion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and

D/F# G A D A C G



spir - its in - flame. Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

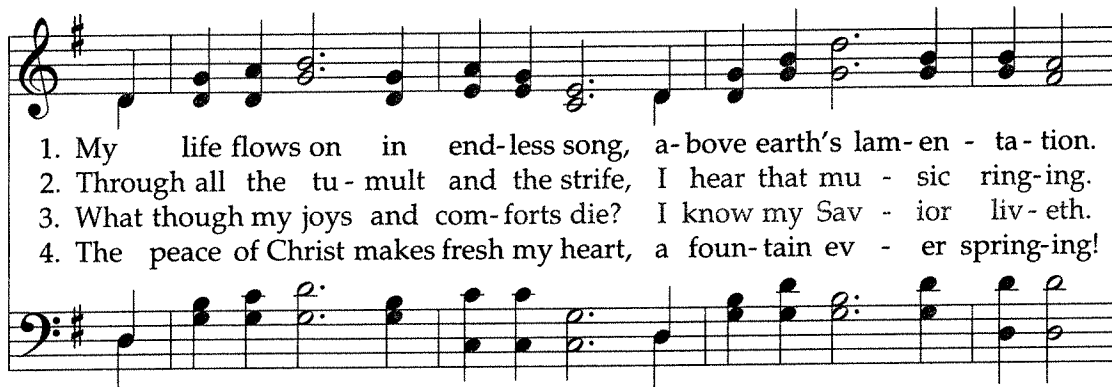
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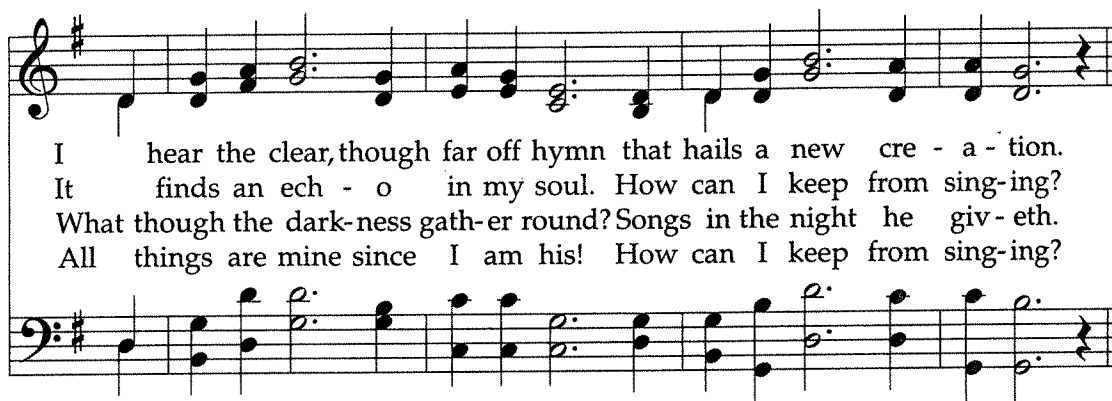
we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## My Life Flows On

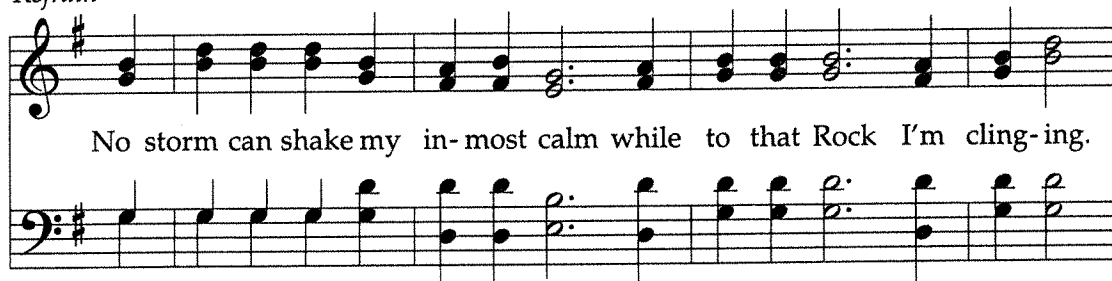
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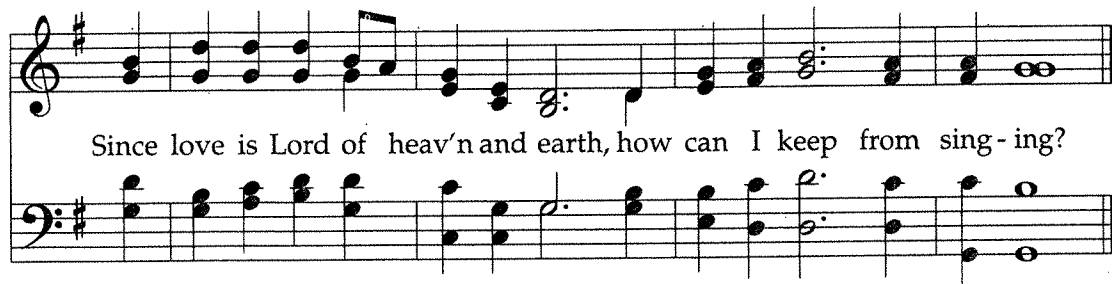
1. My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.  
 2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring-ing.  
 3. What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
 4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I hear the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*


No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?