

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

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*(<https://www.montevista.org/vistastream>)*

***Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

**August 23, 2026**

**10:30am MT**

**Order of Worship**

Welcome & Call to Centering

Pastor Dave

Prelude

*Meditation*  
by Charles Callahan

Paulette McClellan

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Bonnie Sanchez

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

\*Call to Worship (a response to Psalm 124)

Bonnie

One: Welcome to this time of worship, where we've come to give thanks to God,  
who has been, and is, and will be on our side!

**Many: When life is tough, God is still on our side.**

**When the day gleams with light and life, God is still on our side.**

One: When enemies surround us, when the flood threatens to carry us away,

**Many: God is on our side.**

One: So, come! Together, let us rejoice,

**All: for our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

\*Opening Hymn

*Built on the Rock*

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\*Opening Prayer

Bonnie

In confidence we lift our hearts to you, Loving God. We're grateful for the witness of scripture, the assurance from history, and the reality of our own experience: You do not give us up! We give thanks for the knowledge that our help is in your name, Maker of heaven and earth! AMEN.

Announcements

Pastor Dave

(Please share your prayer concerns & joys with us at [office@montevista.org](mailto:office@montevista.org).)

Prayer Hymn

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

86 (vv. 1, 3)

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 Want To Walk as a Child of the Light*  
by Kathleen Thomerson

Vista Voices

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Pastor Dave

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Who do I believe Jesus is,  
and what difference is it making?*

Pastor Dave

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Janice Devereaux

(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.)

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| *Communion Hymn                     | <i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>                                  | 425 (vv. 1, 2) |
| Words of Institution                |                                                                     | Pastor Dave    |
| Prayers for the Bread and Cup       |                                                                     | Janice         |
| Receiving Communion                 |                                                                     |                |
| Prayer of Thanksgiving              |                                                                     | Pastor Dave    |
| Invitation to the Community of MVCC |                                                                     | Pastor Dave    |
| *Closing Hymn                       | <i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>                           | 16             |
| *Benediction                        |                                                                     | Pastor Dave    |
| Postlude                            | <i>Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott</i><br>by Johann Gottfried Walther | Paulette       |

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Bonnie Sanchez, Worship Leader  
Wally Miller, Sound

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

1. Built on the rock the church does stand, e - ven when  
 2. Not just in tem - ples made with hands, God, the Most  
 3. We are a house of liv - ing stones built for God's

stee - ples are fall - ing. Christ builds the church in  
 Ho - ly, is dwell - ing. Hid - den from sight God's  
 own hab - i - ta - tion; God fills our hearts, these

ev - ery land; bells still are chim-ing and call - ing;  
 tem - ple stands, all earth-ly tem-ples ex - cel - ling.  
 hum - ble thrones, grant-ing us life and sal - va - tion.

call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the souls of  
 The one whom heavens can - not con - tain chose here a - mong us  
 Were two or three to pray for grace, Christ in their midst would

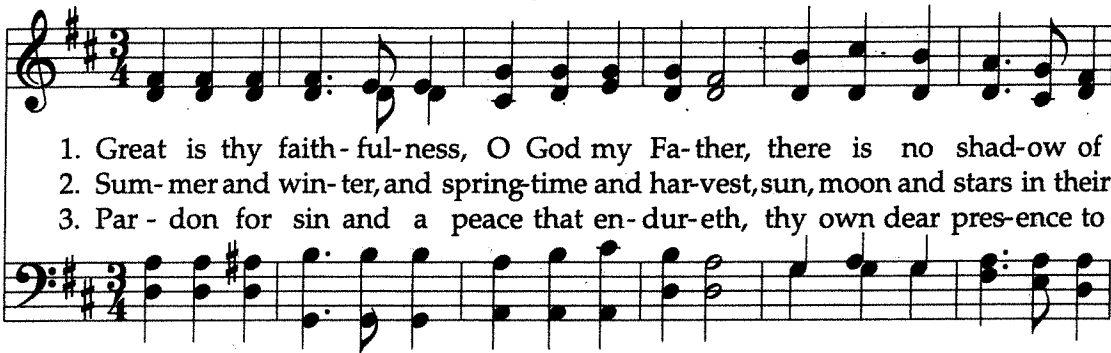
those dis-tressed, long-ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 to re - main, built in our bod - ies a tem - ple.  
 show his face, bless-ings up - on them be - stow - ing.

WORDS: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1837; tr. Carl Doving, 1909, alt.  
 MUSIC: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1840

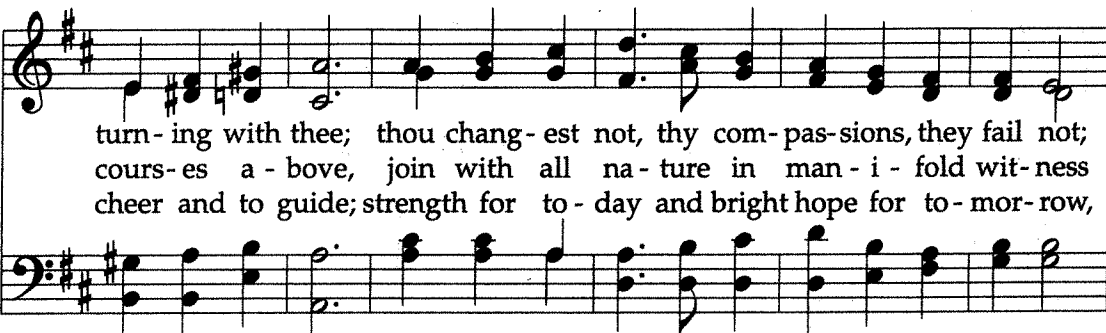
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## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

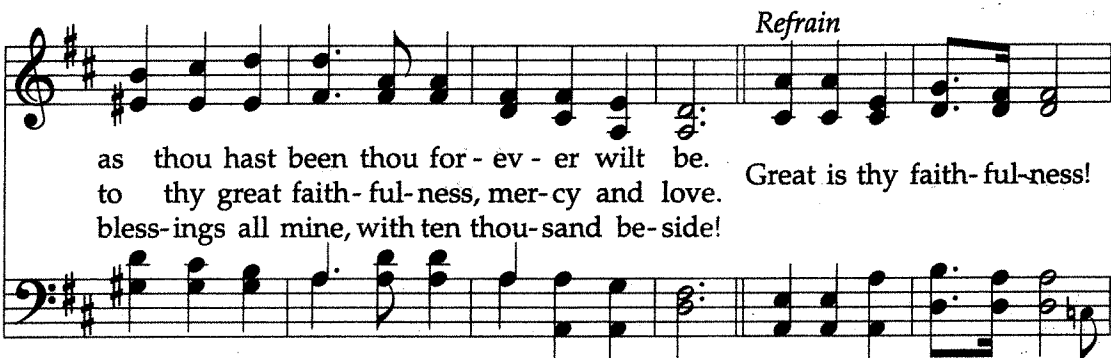
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1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no shad-ow of  
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and stars in their  
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear pres-ence to

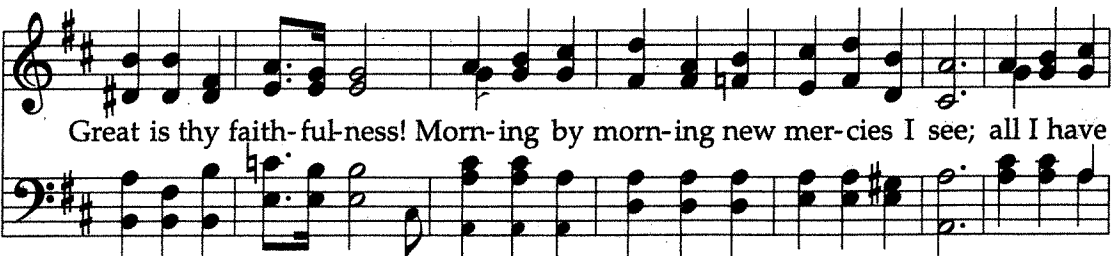


turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;  
 cours-es a-bove, join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness  
 cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

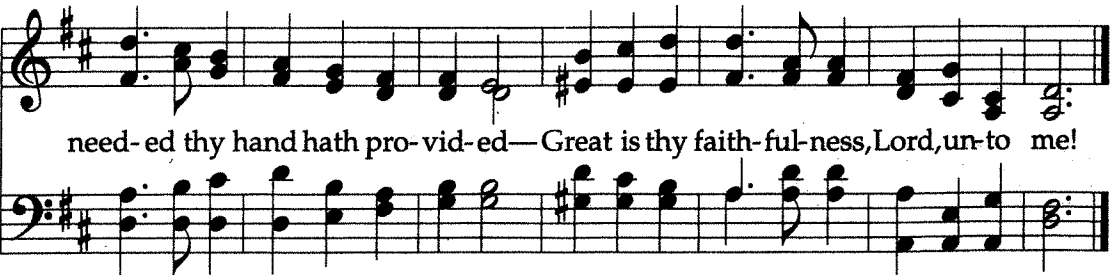


*Refrain*

as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!  
 to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.  
 bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have



need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed—Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923  
 MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

FAITHFULNESS  
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## Let Us Break Bread Together

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*Guitar capo: 1; play D*

D Bm G Gmaj7 A7 D G D

1. Let us break bread to- geth- er on our knees; (on our knees)  
 2. Let us drink wine to- geth- er on our knees; (on our knees)  
 3. Let us praise God to- geth- er on our knees; (on our knees)

D A Bm7 E E7 A A

let us break bread to- geth- er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us drink wine to- geth- er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us praise God to- geth- er on our knees. (on our knees)

*Refrain* D F#m B7 Em Em7 Am

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris- ing sun,

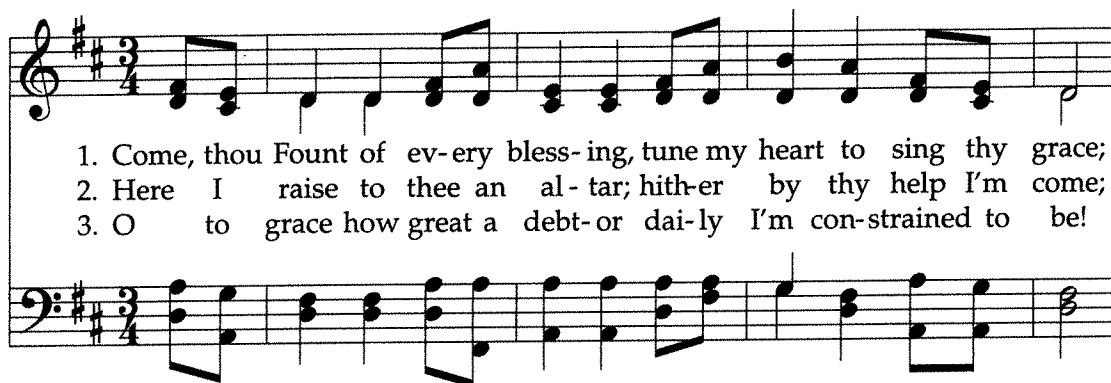
A7 D Bm7 Em9 A7 D G D

O Lord, have mer- cy on me. (on me)

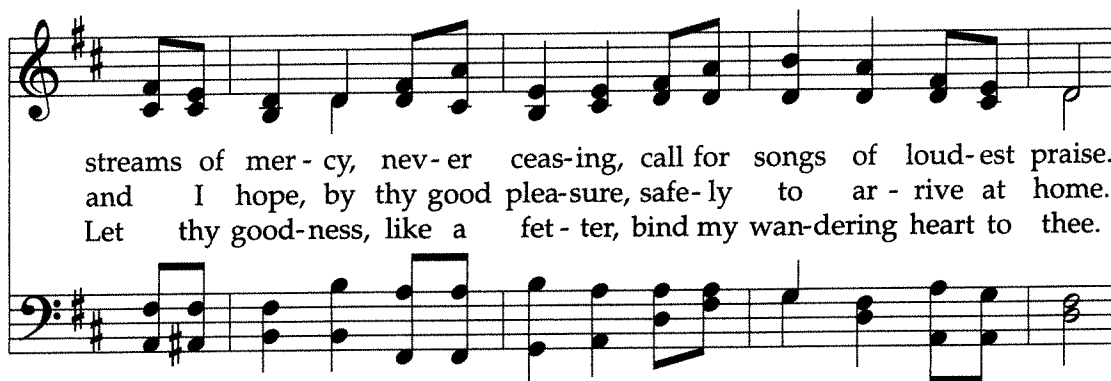
WORDS: African-American spiritual  
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Carlton R. Young, 1964, alt.

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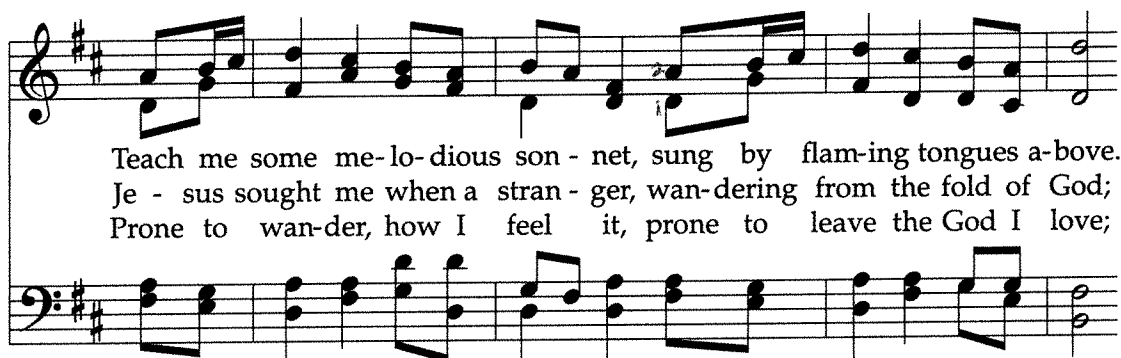
# 16 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



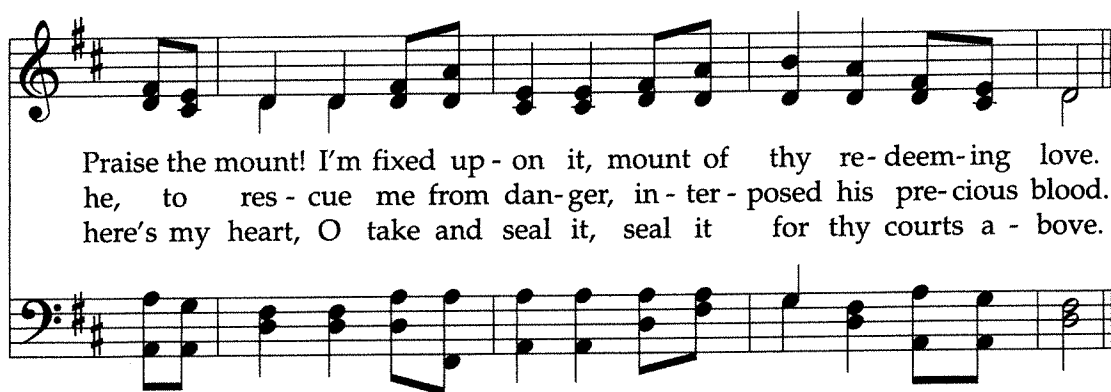
1. Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise to thee an al-tar; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.  
 Let thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove.  
 Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan-der, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up-on it, mount of thy re-deem-ing love.  
 he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a-bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.  
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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