

Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026 – 10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome & Call to Centering

Pastor Dave

Prelude

Campion
by Healey Willan

Paulette McClellan

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:33-40 (The Message)

Janice Devereaux

God, teach me lessons for living so I can stay the course.

Give me insight so I can do what you tell me—my whole life one long, obedient response.

Guide me down the road of your commandments; I love traveling this freeway!

Give me a bent for your words of wisdom, and not for piling up loot.

Divert my eyes from toys and trinkets, invigorate me on the pilgrim way.

Affirm your promises to me—promises made to all who fear you.

Deflect the harsh words of my critics—but what you say is always so good.

See how hungry I am for your counsel; preserve my life through your righteous ways!

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

*Call to Worship (a response to Psalm 149)

Janice

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: With our voices and our hearts, we sing to the Lord a new song!

One: Together we're glad in our Maker, and sing for joy.

Many: We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth.

One: Today we offer glory to God.

Many: Praise the Lord.

*Opening Hymn

We Gather Together

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*Opening Prayer

Janice

Holy Lord, we've come to celebrate the ways you've adopted us as your beloved children.

We give thanks for your love, your gift of life, and the joy of leaning into our identity as learners – disciples – of your Son, Jesus, whom we know as the Christ. We offer you our praise, and sing our joy! AMEN.

Announcements

Pastor Dave

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

Prayer Hymn	<i>Help Us Accept Each Other</i>	487 (vv. 1, 3, 4)
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>Simple Praise</i> by Craig Courtney	Vista Voices
Scripture Reading	Romans 13:8-10	Pastor Dave
Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.		
One: A word from God for the people of God.		Many: Thanks be to God.
Sermon	<i>Staying on Course</i>	Pastor Dave
Sharing in Communion and Stewardship		
Invitation to the Table		Ted Cooley
(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	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	425 (vv. 1, 2)
Words of Institution		Pastor Dave
Prayers for the Bread and Cup		Ted
Receiving Communion		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Pastor Dave
Invitation to the Community of MVCC		Pastor Dave
*Closing Hymn	<i>O Word of God Incarnate</i>	322
*Benediction		Pastor Dave
Postlude	<i>Fanfare on "St. Gertrude"</i> by Gordon Young	Paulette

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| Janice Devereaux, Worship Leader | Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist                     |
| Wally Miller, Sound              | Rev. Dave McVey, Interim Minister, Preaching & Presiding |

## We Gather Together

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1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask for God's bless - ing,  
 2. Be - side us to guide us, O God, we per - ceive you  
 3. May all sing your prais - es, Re - deem - er tri - um - phant,

to turn to a wis - dom sur - pass - ing our own;  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing the pow - er of life.  
 de - fend us, be - friend us, what - ev - er may be.

the pow'rs that op - press us now cease to dis - tress us.  
 Yes, yours be the glo - ry; let all tell the sto - ry.  
 May your con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion.

O God, be pres - ent with us, and make your will known.  
 Our God, be ev - er with us, in glad - ness and strife.  
 Your name be praised for - ev - er, O God, make us free!

WORDS: *Nederlandsche Gedenckclanck*, 1626; tr. Theodore Baker, 1894;  
 adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981  
 MUSIC: Dutch melody (16th century); arr. Edward Kremser, 1877

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## Help Us Accept Each Other

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*Unison*

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
 3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;

we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them or as they may be - come.  
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1974  
 MUSIC: John Ness Beck, 1977

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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

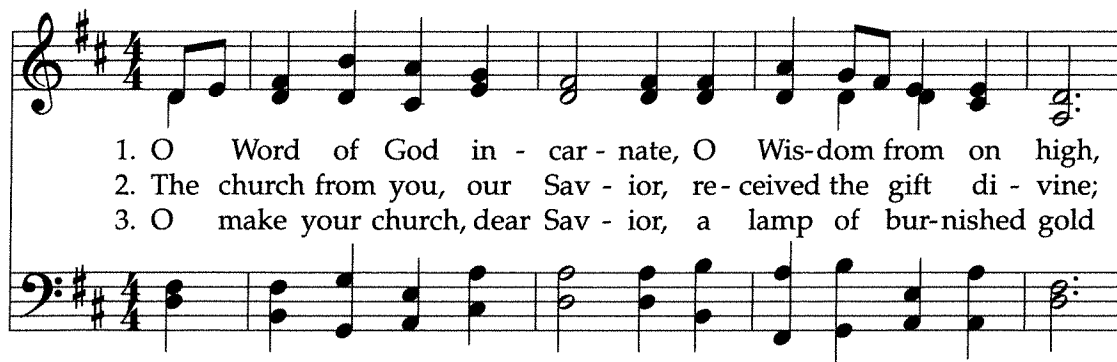
MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Carlton R. Young, 1964, alt.

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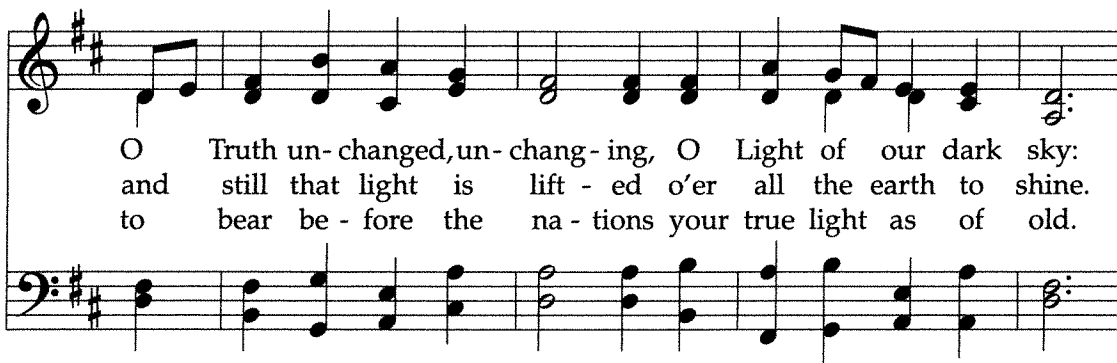
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## O Word of God Incarnate

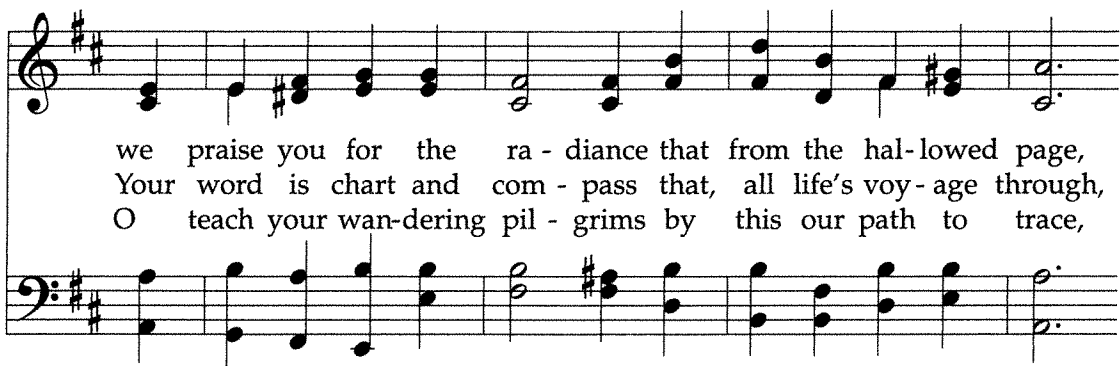
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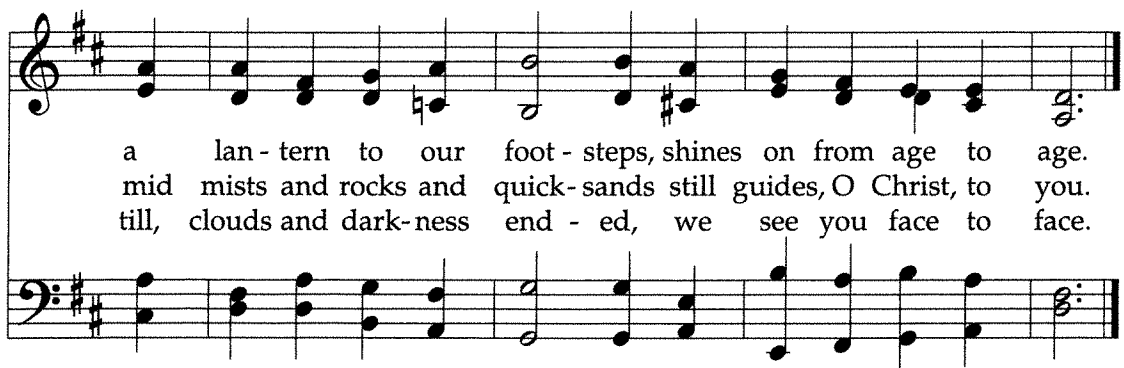
1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 2. The church from you, our Sav - ior, re - ceived the gift di - vine;  
 3. O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur-nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light as of old.



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
 Your word is chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,  
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.  
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, we see you face to face.

WORDS: William W. How, 1867, alt.  
 MUSIC: *Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

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