

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

September 13, 2026

10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome & Call to Centering

Pastor Dave

Prelude

Communion
by Louis Vierne

Paulette McClellan

Scripture Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

Anne Loveless

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

*Call to Worship (a response to Matthew 18)

Anne

One: Sisters and brothers, look around and see those we know and love.

**Many: We've come, family and friends along with some we hardly know,
grateful we are all made in God's image.**

One: As followers of Jesus, the Christ, we're ready to grow in our ability
to love and to forgive one another.

Many: Forgiveness is the ground on which we all can stand.

One: So we gather to worship God as we experience the joy of
forgiving and of being forgiven.

**All: Let us worship the One who calls us into restored relationships
through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

*Opening Hymn

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

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*Opening Prayer

Anne

Loving God, we stand before you, eager to be restored to full energy and full capacity to forgive so we might grow in loving ourselves, loving one another, and loving you. Renew us in this hour with full confidence, believing you forgive us our (debts/trespases), even as we claim your strength to forgive one another. AMEN.

Announcements

Pastor Dave

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

Prayer Hymn

Pues Si Vivimos

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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

Blessed

Vista Voices

by Valerie Showers Crescenz

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Pastor Dave

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *The Heart of the Matter* 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.)

*Communion Hymn *I Hunger and I Thirst* 409 (vv. 1-3)

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 *This Is the Day* 286

*Benediction Pastor Dave

Postlude *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* Paulette
by Camil Van Hulse

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Anne Loveless, Worship Leader Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist

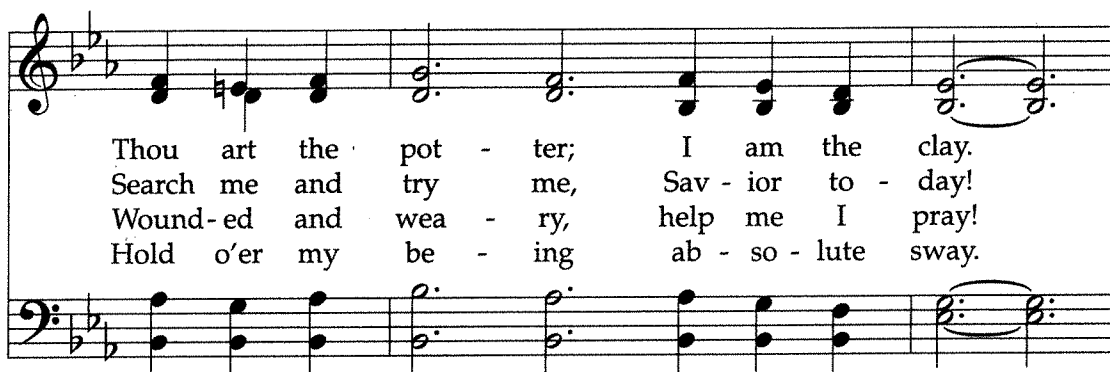
Wally Miller, Sound Rev. Dave McVey, Interim Minister, Preaching & Presiding

## Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

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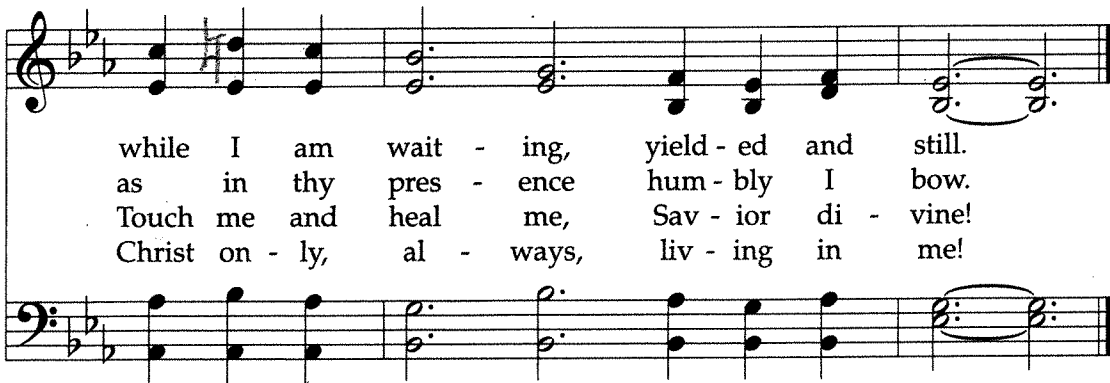
1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!



Thou art the pot - ter; I am the clay.  
 Search me and try me, Sav - ior to - day!  
 Wound - ed and wea - ry, help me I pray!  
 Hold o'er my be - ing ab - so - lute sway.



Mold me and make me af - ter thy will,  
 Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,  
 Pow - er, all pow - er, sure - ly is thine!  
 Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall see



while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.  
 as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.  
 Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!  
 Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me!

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# Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living)

*Unísono (Unison)*

1. Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa-ra Él vi - vi - mos  
 2. En es - ta vi - da, fru-tos he - mos de dar.

1. When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,  
 2. Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.

y si mo - ri - mos pa-ra Él mo - ri - mos.  
 Las o - bras bue - nas son pa-ra o - fren-dar.

and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.  
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer-ing.

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,  
 Ya sea que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,

Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,  
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,

WORDS: St. 1 anonymous, tr. Elise S. Eslinger, 1983;  
 st. 2, 3, 4 Roberto Escamilla, 1983, tr. George Lockwood, 1987  
 MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; harm. *Celebremos*, 1983, alt.

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR  
 Irr.

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*Estribillo (Refrain)* *last time to Coda*

so-mos del Se - ñor, so-mos del Se - ñor.  
we be-long to God, we be-long to God.

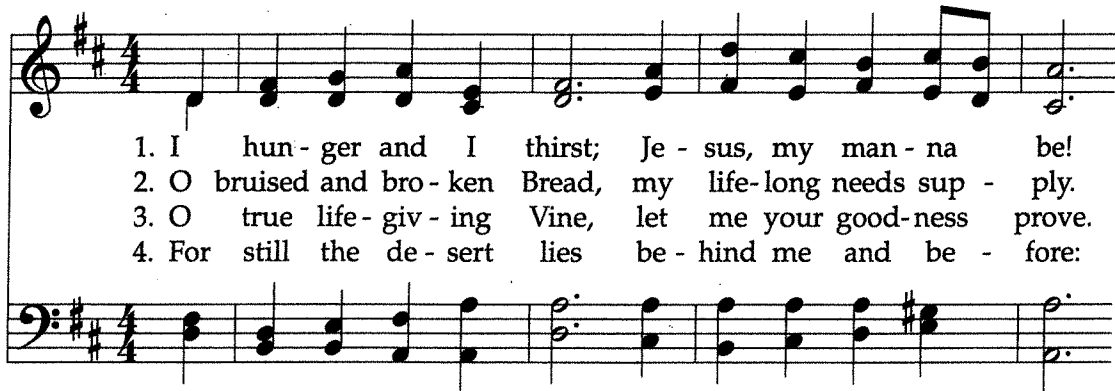
*Coda (Solamente la última vez)*

So-mos del Se - ñor, so-mos del Se - ñor.  
We be-long to God, we be-long to God.

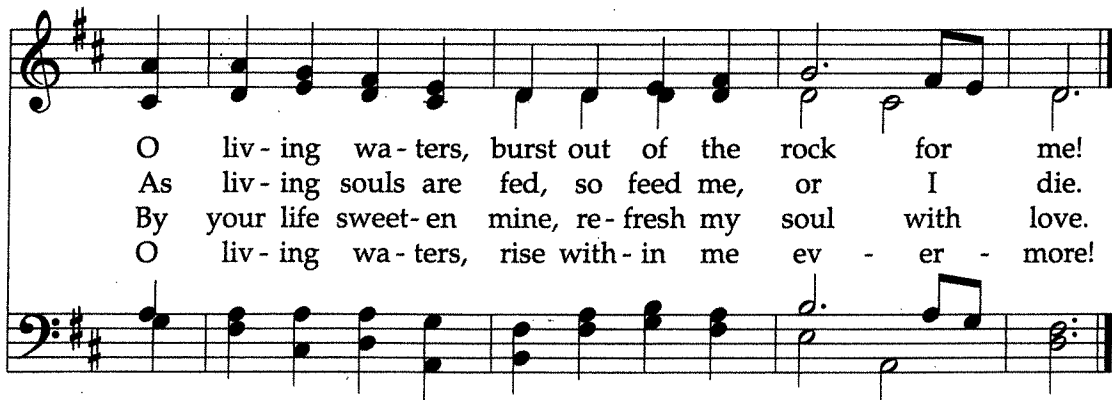
3. En la tristeza y en el dolor,  
en la belleza y en el amor,  
sea que suframos o que gocemos,  
*Estribillo*
4. En este mundo, hemos de encontrar  
gente que llora y sin consolar.  
Sea que ayudemos o que alimentemos,  
*Estribillo*
3. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
*Refrain*
4. Across this wide world, we shall always find  
those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
but when we help them, or when we feed them,  
*Refrain*

# I Hunger and I Thirst

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1. I hun - ger and I thirst; Je - sus, my man - na be!  
2. O bruised and bro - ken Bread, my life-long needs sup - ply.  
3. O true life - giv - ing Vine, let me your good-ness prove.  
4. For still the de - sert lies be - hind me and be - fore:



O liv - ing wa - ters, burst out of the rock for me!  
As liv - ing souls are fed, so feed me, or I die.  
By your life sweet-en mine, re - fresh my soul with love.  
O liv - ing wa - ters, rise with - in me ev - er - more!

WORDS: John S. B. Monsell, 1866, alt.  
MUSIC: Maria Tiddeman, 1875, alt.

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## This Is the Day

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*Unison*

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the

Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be

glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the

Lord has made; we will re-joice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

WORDS: Psalm 118:24, para. Les Garrett, 1967  
 MUSIC: Les Garrett, 1967

THE LORD'S DAY  
 Irr.