

Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
3502 Berkeley Pl. NE Albuquerque, NM 87106

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome & Call to Centering Pastor Dave

Prelude *How Firm a Foundation* Paulette McClellan
arr. by Lani Smith

*Call to Worship (a response to Psalm 105) Joni Harstine

One: With joy we come to worship God!

Many: We sing praises to God, remembering many wonderful works.

One: Call to mind all God has done: leading the Hebrews out of slavery, providing them with food and water, inspiring each one of us to remember and give thanks.

**Many: So we lift our voices, giving thanks to the Lord,
testifying to all we have received from God's hand.**

*Opening Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* 22 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

*Opening Prayer Joni

Holy Creator, even in the midst of challenging times, we retell the stories of all you have done for your beloved ones. Let your Spirit flow through our songs and our words. Renew in our hearts the joy of life as followers of your Son, Jesus, whom we know as the Christ. As we offer our praise, help us celebrate the ways we are made in your image and called to be one part of the Body of Christ in the world today. AMEN.

Scripture Reading Matthew 20:1-16 Joni

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give

them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Day by Day

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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

Announcements

Pastor Dave

Special Music

Sincerely Yours
by Gary Chapman

Laurel Deming, solo
Paulette McClellan, piano

Scripture Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Pastor Dave

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is

better for me to die than to live.” But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Wrestling with Grace: Is It Right for You to Be Angry?* Pastor Dave

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table

Linda Currin

(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

Linda

Receiving Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Dave

Invitation to the Community of MVCC

Pastor Dave

*Closing Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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*Benediction

Pastor Dave

Postlude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
arr. by Don Hustad

Paulette

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**Joni Harstine, Worship Leader**

Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist

## Wally Miller, Sound

Rev. Dave McVey, Interim Minister, Preaching & Presiding

## All Creatures of Our God and King

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*Unison*

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us  
 2. O rush-ing wind with voice so strong, you clouds that sail in heav'n a-  
 3. O flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your God to  
 4. And all for-giv-en ten-der hearts, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your

*Harmony* *Unison*

sing; Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O burn-ing sun with gold-en  
 long, O praise God, Al-le-lu-ia! O ris-ing morn, in praise re-  
 hear, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O blaz-ing fire who lights the  
 part, sing prais-es, Al-le-lu-ia! You who long pain and sor-row

*Refrain (Harmony)*

beam, O sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam,  
 joice, you lights of eve-ning find a voice, O praise God,  
 night, pro-vid-ing warmth, en-hanc-ing sight,  
 bear, praise God, who knows your ev-'ry care.

*Unison*

O praise God, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

WORDS: Francis of Assisi, 1225; tr. William H. Draper, 1925, alt.  
 MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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# Day by Day

Day by day, day by day,

O, dear Lord, three things I pray:

to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,

fol-low thee more near - ly, day by day.

day by day, by day, by day, by day.

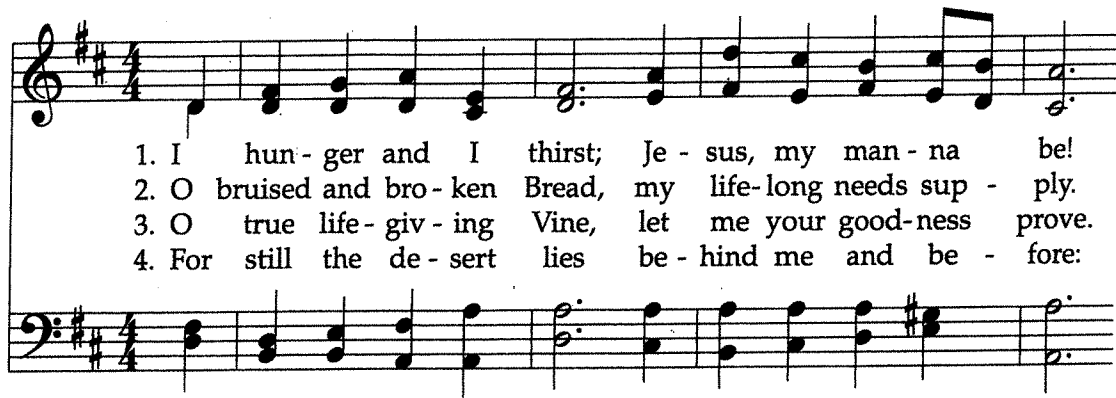
\* Small notes only on repeat

WORDS: Attr. Richard of Chichester (13th century), alt.  
MUSIC: Stephen Schwartz, 1971

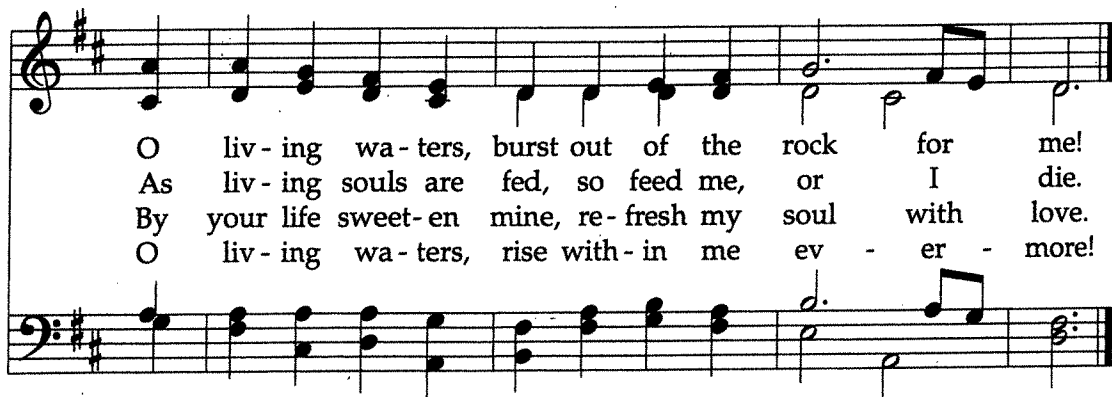
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# I Hunger and I Thirst

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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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## Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod,  
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

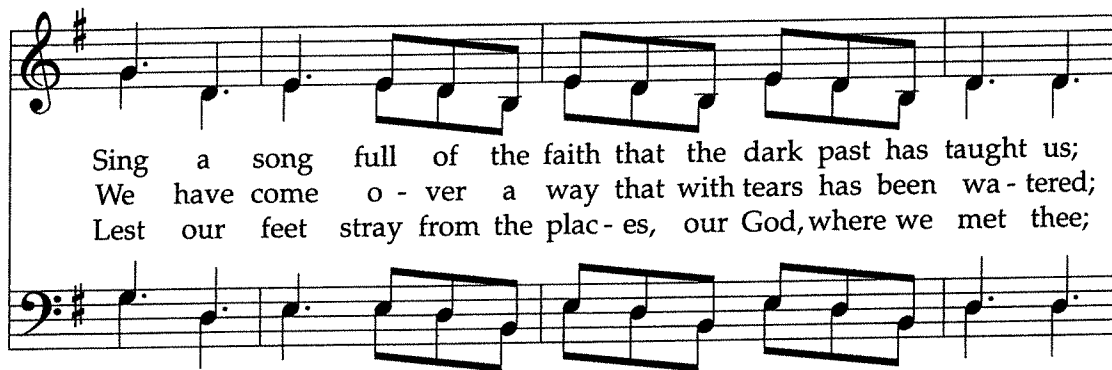
ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

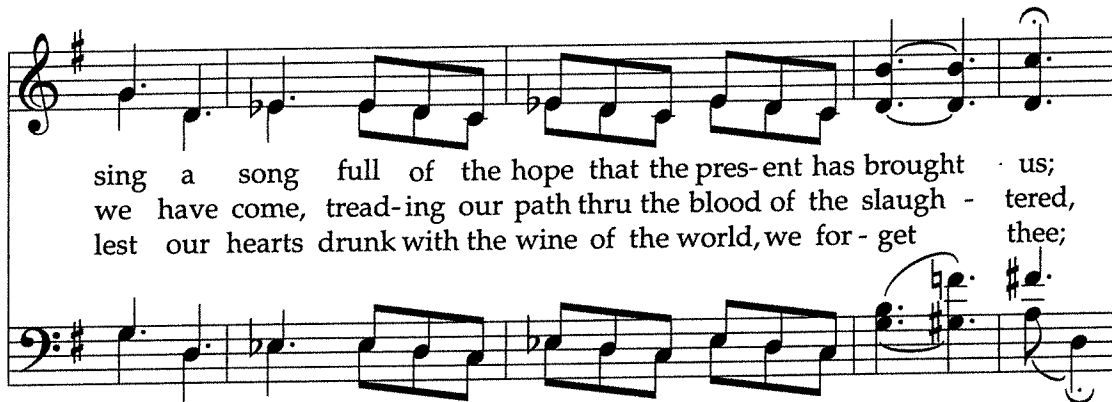
let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

WORDS: James Weldon Johnson, 1921  
 MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

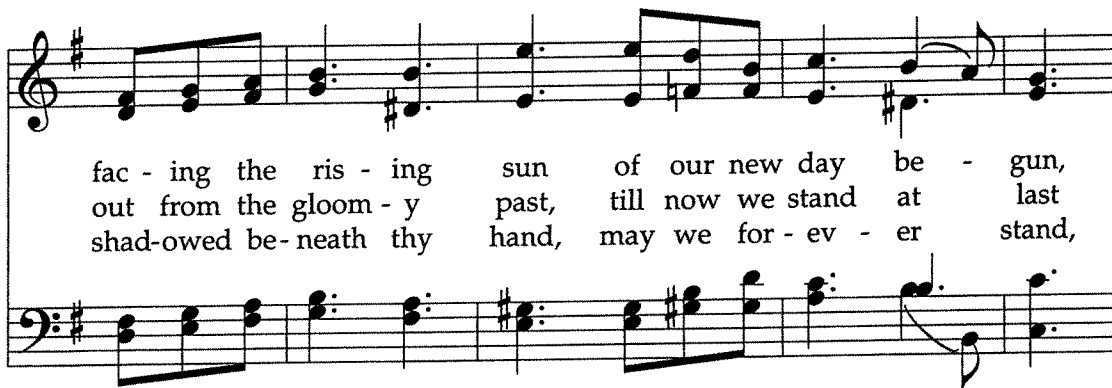
LIFT EVERY VOICE  
 Irr.



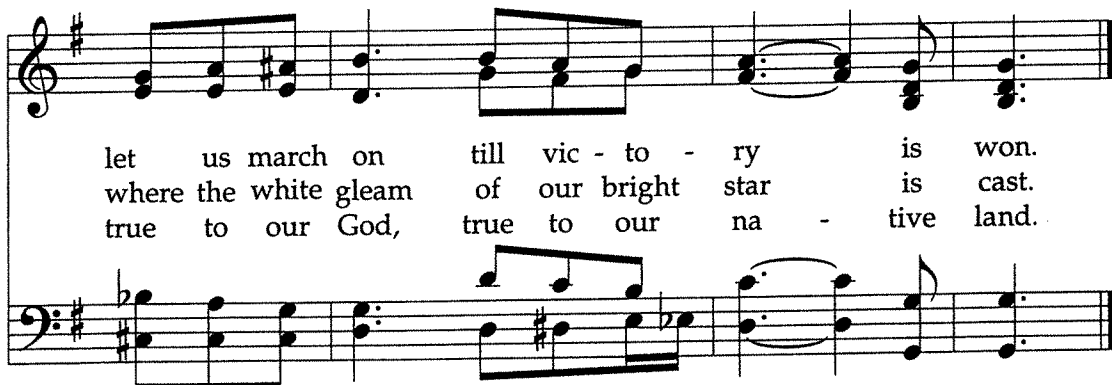
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
we have come, tread - ing our path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.