

Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Stewardship Celebration Sunday

October 18, 2026
10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome & Call to Centering

Pastor Dave

Prelude

Largo
by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

Paulette McClellan

Scripture Reading Luke 10:30-37 (New Living Translation) Gregg Rothrock

“A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’

“Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked. The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.”

Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

*Call to Worship

Gregg

One: The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

Many: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

One: How shall we answer?

Many: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

One: How shall we answer?

Many: We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation and compassion wherever we can. In Jesus’ Holy Name. AMEN.

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Gregg

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

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Pastor Dave

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.

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Vista Voices

Anne Loveless

Pastor Dave

“It’s also like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities. To one he gave five thousand dollars, to another two thousand, to a third one thousand, depending on their abilities. Then he left. Right off, the first servant went to work and doubled his master’s investment. The second did the same. But the man with the single thousand dug a hole and carefully buried his master’s money. “After a long absence, the master of those three servants came back and settled up with them. The one given five thousand dollars showed him how he had doubled his investment. His master commended him: ‘Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.’ “The servant with the two thousand showed how he also had doubled his master’s investment. His master commended him: ‘Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.’ “The servant given one thousand said, ‘Master, I know you have high standards and hate careless ways, that you demand the best and make no allowances for error. I was afraid I might disappoint you, so I found a good hiding place and secured your money. Here it is, safe and sound down to the last cent.’ “The master was furious. “That’s a terrible way to live! It’s criminal to live cautiously like that! If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least? The least you could have done would have been to invest the sum with the bankers, where at least I would have gotten a little interest. “Take the thousand and give

it to the one who risked the most. And get rid of this “play-it-safe” who won’t go out on a limb. Throw him out into utter darkness.’

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon	<i>A Wonderful Life</i>	Pastor Dave
Special Music	<i>Praise Him! Praise Him!</i> arr. by James D. Kimball	Vista Bells
Sharing in Communion and Stewardship		
Invitation to the Table		Michael Perlin
(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>I Hunger and I Thirst</i>	409 (vv. 1-3)
Words of Institution		Pastor Dave
Prayers for the Bread and Cup		Michael
Receiving Communion		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Pastor Dave
Invitation to the Community of MVCC		Pastor Dave
*Closing Hymn	<i>Take My Gifts</i>	381
*Benediction		Pastor Dave
Postlude	<i>Deo Gracias (Op. 50)</i> by Joseph Willcox Jenkins	Paulette

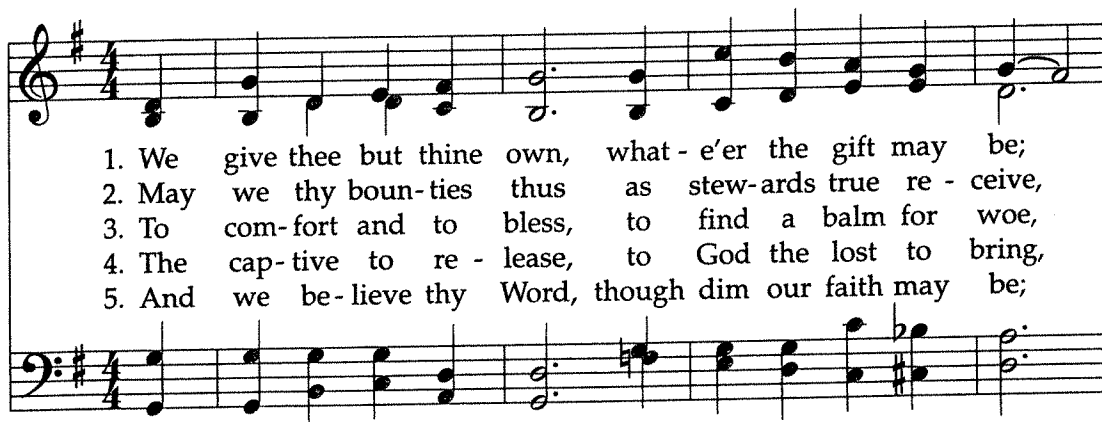
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Gregg Rothrock, Worship Leader  
Wally Miller, Sound

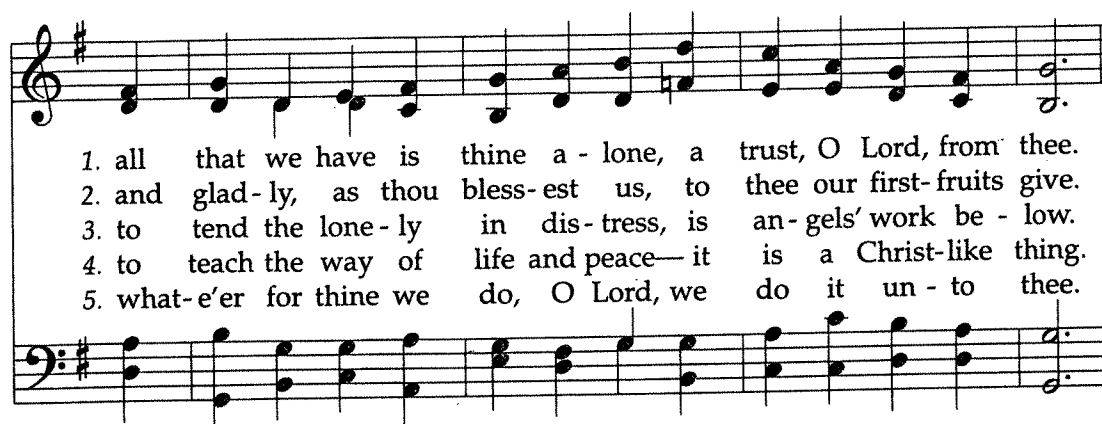
Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist  
Rev. Dave McVey, Interim Minister, Preaching & Presiding

# We Give Thee but Thine Own

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1. We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
 2. May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,  
 3. To com-fort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,  
 4. The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
 5. And we be-lieve thy Word, though dim our faith may be;



1. all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
 2. and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.  
 3. to tend the lone-ly in dis-tress, is an-gels' work be - low.  
 4. to teach the way of life and peace— it is a Christ-like thing.  
 5. what-e'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

WORDS: William W. How, c. 1858  
 MUSIC: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

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## Create in Me

*Unison*

The musical score is written for a unison voice part and a piano accompaniment. It consists of six systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score begins with a 'Unison' instruction. The lyrics are: 'Cre- ate in me a new heart, so that I'll give you more than part of this, the life you've giv-en me, cre- ate in me a new heart, then will I teach, and oth-ers know, and I will learn, my faith will grow. With you I can cre- ate new dreams, with you I can change less-er schemes, O God, new joy and a new start! Cre-ate in me a new heart.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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me a new heart, so that I'll give you more than part of this, the

life you've giv-en me, cre- ate in me a new heart, then will I

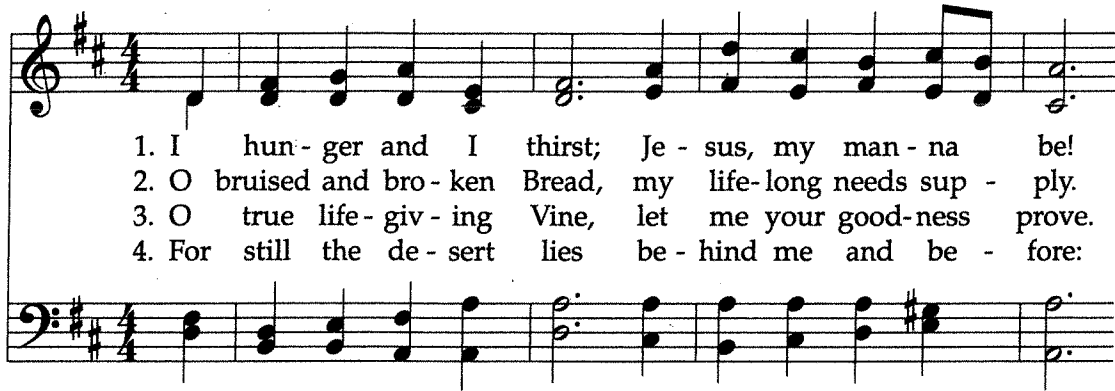
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can cre- ate new dreams, with you I can change less-er schemes, O God, new

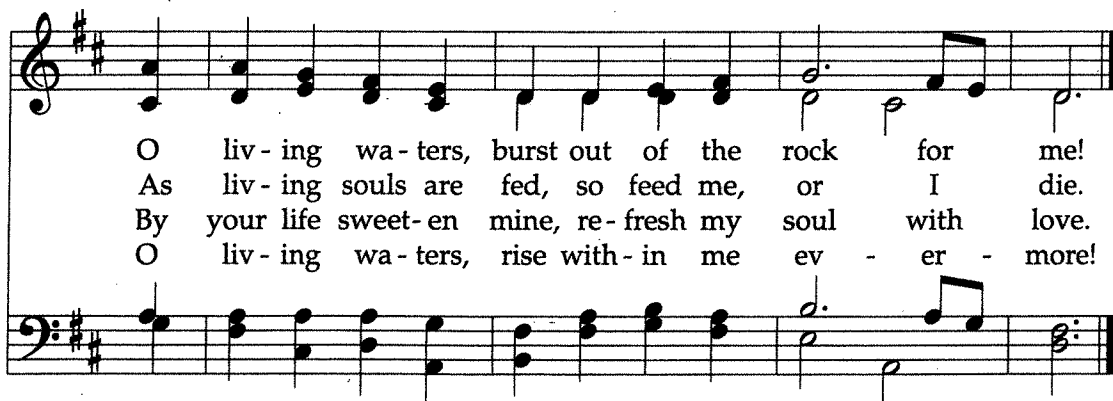
joy and a new start! Cre-ate in me a new heart.

# 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:

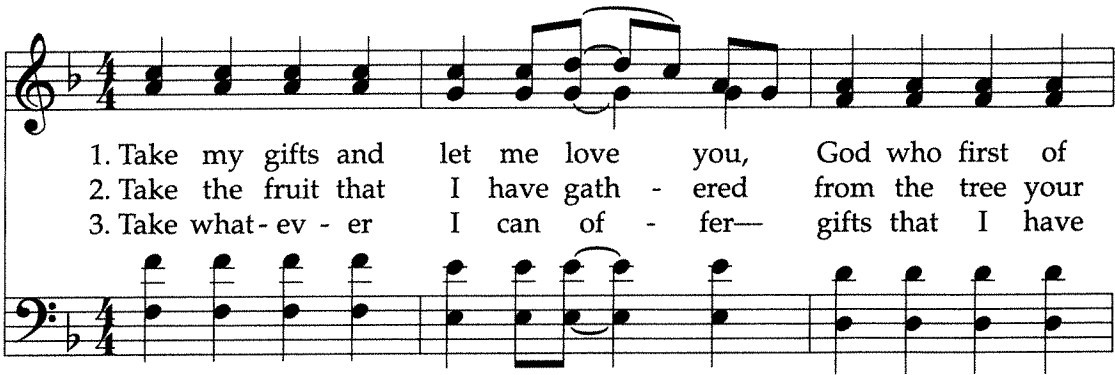


O liv-ing wa-ters, burst out of the rock for me!  
As liv-ing souls are fed, so feed me, or I die.  
By your life sweet-en mine, re-fresh my soul with love.  
O liv-ing wa-ters, rise with-in me ev-er-more!

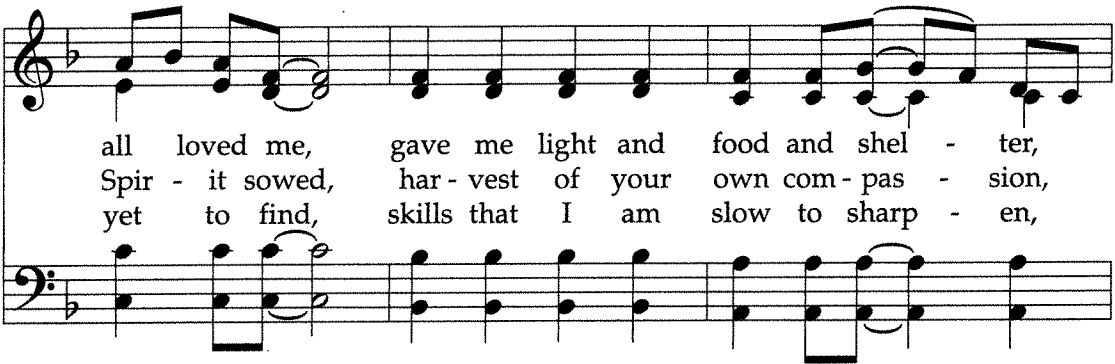
WORDS: John S. B. Monsell, 1866, alt.  
MUSIC: Maria Tiddeman, 1875, alt.

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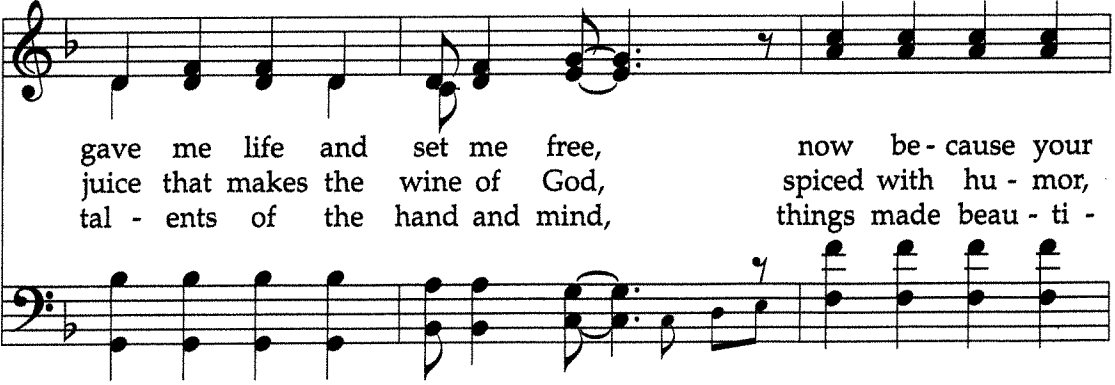
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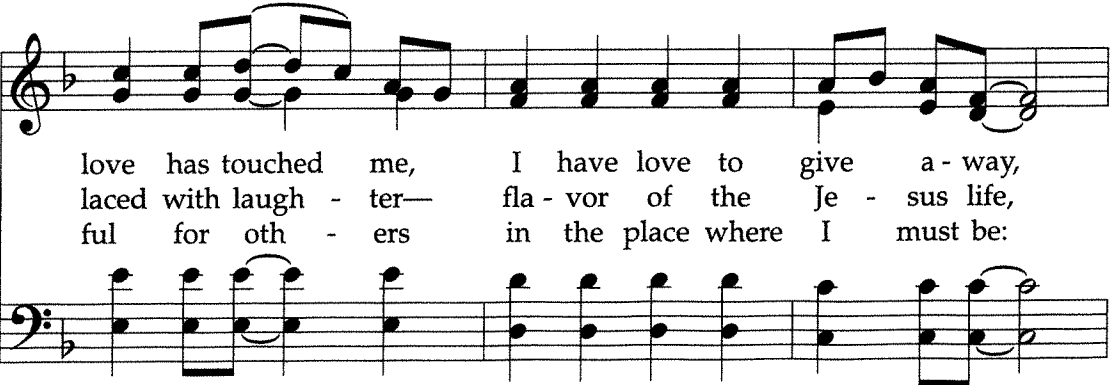
1. Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of  
 2. Take the fruit that I have gath - ered from the tree your  
 3. Take what - ev - er I can of - fer— gifts that I have



all loved me, gave me light and food and shel - ter,  
 Spir - it sowed, har - vest of your own com - pas - sion,  
 yet to find, skills that I am slow to sharp - en,



gave me life and set me free, now be - cause your  
 juice that makes the wine of God, spiced with hu - mor,  
 tal - ents of the hand and mind, things made beau - ti -



love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,  
 laced with laugh - ter— fla - vor of the Je - sus life,  
 ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray, 1988  
 MUSIC: Colin Gibson, 1988

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now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to  
tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be -  
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of

mul - ti - ply!  
yond be - lief.  
all loved me.