Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026
10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Welcome & Call to Centering — Bonnie Sanchez

Prelude — *Prélude* (from *Organ Book*) by Jean Langlais — Paulette McClellan

*Call to Worship — Bonnie

One: We are invited here with our convictions and our doubts, with our answers and our questions, with our similarities and our differences.

All: We celebrate being here together, with people we know and people we'd like to get to know.

One: In the community of the church we are invited to discover anew the deep Love at the heart of the universe.

All: We seek and we find. We worship God as we discover God in our midst.

*Opening Hymn — *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* — 517 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

*Opening Prayer — Bonnie

Wondrous Love, as we present ourselves in worship, as we center our hearts and minds on hearing your voice in this service of worship, hear our deepest longings and even the prayers of our unconscious minds. Break through our defenses, our guilt, and our rationalizations so we may feel you holding us in your love. Amen.

Scripture Reading — 1 Samuel 8:4-22 — Bonnie

So all the Israelite elders got together and went to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, "Listen. You are old now, and your sons don't follow in your footsteps. So appoint us a king to judge us like all the other nations have." It seemed very bad to Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us," so he prayed to the Lord. The Lord answered Samuel, "Comply with the people's request—everything they ask of you—because they haven't rejected you. No, they've rejected me as king over them. They are doing to you only what they've been doing to me from the day I brought them out of Egypt to this very minute, abandoning me and worshipping other gods. So comply with their request, but give them a clear warning, telling them how the king will rule over them." Then Samuel explained everything the Lord

had said to the people who were asking for a king. "This is how the king will rule over you," Samuel said: "He will take your sons, and will use them for his chariots and his cavalry and as runners for his chariot. He will use them as his commanders of troops of one thousand and troops of fifty, or to do his plowing and his harvesting, or to make his weapons or parts for his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, or bakers. He will take your best fields, vineyards, and olive groves and give them to his servants. He will give one-tenth of your grain and your vineyards to his officials and servants. He will take your male and female servants, along with the best of your cattle and donkeys, and make them do his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and then you yourselves will become his slaves! When that day comes, you will cry out because of the king you chose for yourselves, but on that day the Lord won't answer you." But the people refused to listen to Samuel and said, "No! There must be a king over us so we can be like all the other nations. Our king will judge us and lead us and fight our battles." Samuel listened to everything the people said and repeated it directly to the Lord. Then the Lord said to Samuel, "Comply with their request. Give them a king." Samuel then told the Israelite people, "Go back, each of you, to your own hometown."

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to you and the Church. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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

Prayer Hymn — *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* — 254 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Sharing of Joys & Concerns — Charlotte Hoppe

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (in unison) — Rev. Dr. Stephen J. Miller

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 — Rev. Steve

Announcements — Ken O'Rourke

Special Music — *Beautiful Savior* by Anna Laura Page — Vista Voices

Scripture Reading — Luke 17:20-25 — Rev. Steve

Pharisees asked Jesus when God's kingdom was coming. He replied, "God's kingdom isn't coming with signs that are easily noticed. Nor will people say, 'Look, here it is! 'or 'There it is! 'Don't you see? God's kingdom is already among you." Then Jesus said to the disciples, "The time will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Human One, and you won't see it. People will say to you, 'Look there! 'or 'Look here! 'Don't leave or go chasing after them. The Human One will appear on his day in the same way that a flash of lightning

lights up the sky from one end to the other. However, first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

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Sermon	*The Realm of God*	Rev. Steve
Special Music	*Fantasy on Kingsfold* by H. Dean Wagner	Vista Bells

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table		Michael Perlin

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*Communion Hymn	*In Remembrance of Me*	403
Words of Institution		Rev. Steve
Prayers for the Bread and Cup		Michael
Receiving Communion		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Steve
Invitation to the Community of MVCC		Bonnie
*Closing Hymn	*Spirit*	249 (vv. 1, 2, 4)
*Benediction		Rev. Steve
Postlude	*Pasticcio* (from *Organ Book*) by Jean Langlais	Paulette

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Bonnie Sanchez, Worship Leader
Wally Miller, Sound

Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist
Rev. Dr. Stephen J. Miller, Preaching
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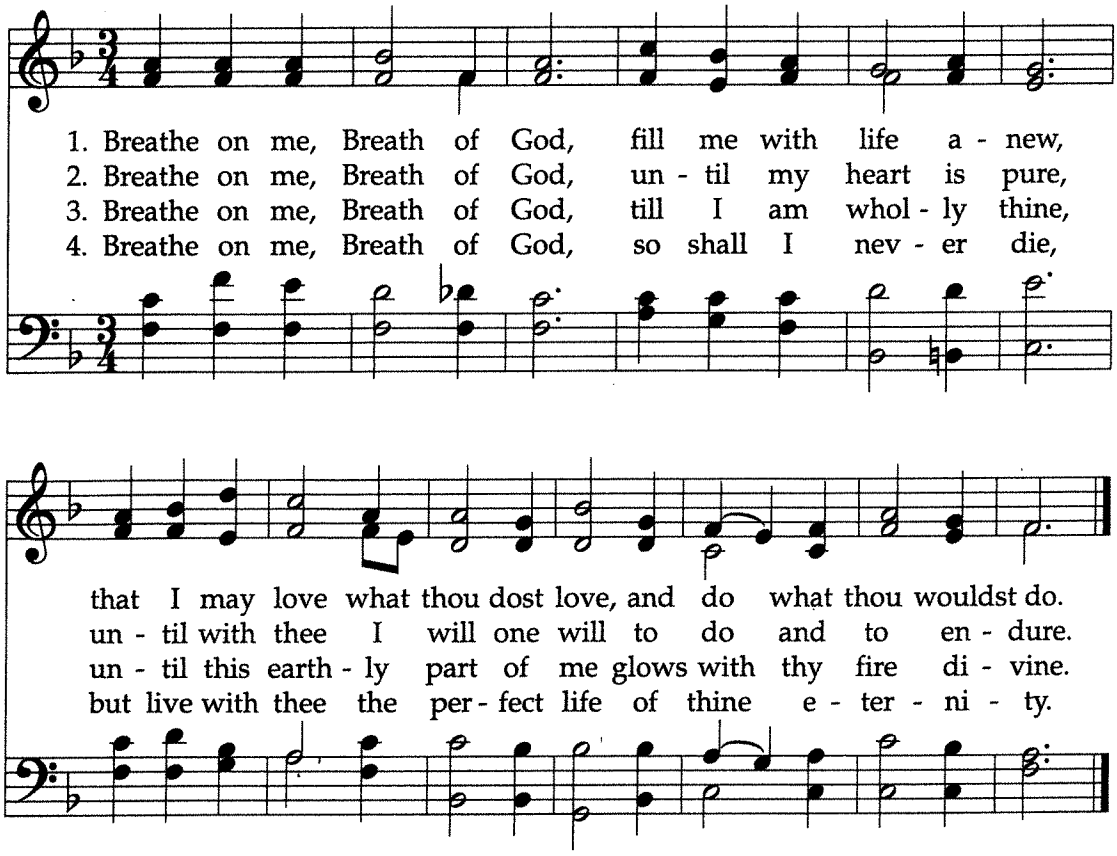
517 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1743
MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God 254



WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878, alt.
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

TRENTHAM
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403 In Remembrance of Me



WORDS: Ragan Courtney, 1972
MUSIC: Buryl Red, 1972; arr. Robert F. Douglas

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G♭ B♭ Gm F E♭
drink and re-mem-ber too. That this is my bod-y and pre-cious
B♭ C C7 F7Sus F7 B♭
blood shed for you, shed for you. In re-mem-brance of
Dm E♭ F E♭ E♭ Cm F
me, search for truth. In re-mem-brance of me, al-ways love.
F7 Gm E♭ A♭ F B♭ F7Sus
In re-mem-brance of me, don't look a-bove, but in your heart
F7 B♭ Fsus/B♭ Csus B♭
Optional ending (Choir or congregation)
look for God. Do this in re-mem-brance of me.

249 Spirit



WORDS and MUSIC: James K. Manley, 1975

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SPIRIT
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