

Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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(<https://www.montevista.org/vistastream>) & our

Hanging of the Greens

December 3, 2023

8:45am

Order of Worship

Prelude *In Thee, Lord, Have I Hoped (op, 28, 38)* Paulette McClellan
by Marcel Dupré

Welcome Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Silence

*Call to Worship Gerri Warner

One: Let us make the church fragrant with the scent of living things and our holy play. In our acts of hanging greens and listening to words of hope for our journey let us make our lives and this space a place of preparation for the One who comes in the name of God. In the story of Jesus we see revealed the transforming power of God. We are reminded anew of God's vision of hope, peace, joy, love, and light for all.

Many: Thanks be to God!

*Opening Prayer Mike Currin

God of the darkened night, God of the morning light, come to us again.
Our world is weary of all that's been happening and it's hard to rejoice.
Come to us in the preparation of your church, our homes, and our hearts.
We need your healing balm for our weariness.
Come to us in the harmony of song and the sound of silence.
We want to rejoice, we really do!
Come to us in our faithful waiting and hopeful watching.
Our waiting and watching can feel empty and exhausting.
Come to us in the cry for peace and the smile of forgiveness.
God of the darkened night, God of the morning light, come to us again and again;
make your presence known as you come to be with us anew. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *All Earth Is Waiting* 139 (vv 1, 3)

Significance of the Colors Marcia Larson

Significance of the Candles Isaiah 60:1-3 Linda Currin

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon

you, and God's glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Significance of Cedar

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Linda Hunter

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Significance of Evergreens

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Michael Perlin

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Special Music

Introit on *Holy, Holy, Holy*
arr. by Mitchell Eithun

Vista Bells

Significance of Holly

Isaiah 53:1-6

Gregg Rothrock

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before God like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Significance of the Advent Wreath – Anticipation

Bonnie Sanchez

Significance of the Nativity – Birth of the Christ Child

Anne Loveless

The Mystery of the Incarnation

John 1:1-5, 9-14

Gerri Warner

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived

among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Special Music

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
by John Behnke

Laurel Deming, solo
John Truitt, flute
Lois Cook, bell

*Benediction

Rev. Dawn

Postlude

Fantasia in G minor
by Johann Pachelbel

Paulette

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Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist  
Frank Shaffer, Livestream

Wally Miller, Sound  
Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol, Senior Minister

## 139

## All Earth Is Waiting

Unison D F#m Em A7

1. All earth is wait-ing to see the Prom-ised One,  
 2. Thus says the proph-et to those of Is - ra - el,  
 3. Moun-tains and val-leys will have to be made plain;  
 4. In low - ly sta - ble the Prom-ised One ap-peared,

D F#m G A

and o - pen fur-rows, the sow-ing of our God. All the  
 "A vir - gin moth-er will bear Em-man - u - el": one whose  
 o - pen new high-ways, new high-ways for our God, who is  
 yet feel that pres-ence through-out the earth to - day, for Christ

Bm F#m G D

world, bound and strug-gling, seeks true lib - er - ty; it  
 name is "God with us," our Sav - ior shall be, through  
 now com-ing clos - er, so come all and see, and  
 lives in all Chris-tians and is with us now; a -

Bm F#m 1-3 Em A7 4 Em F#7/A D

cries out for jus - tice and search-es for the truth.  
 whom hope will blos-som once more with-in our hearts.  
 o - pen the door-ways as wide as wide can be.  
 gain, on ar - riv - ing Christ brings us lib-er-ty.

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