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## United Methodist Church of Vista

490 South Melrose Drive—Vista, CA 92081—Phone: (760) 726-0442

### Bulletin

January 9, 2011

“Baptism of the Lord”

10:30 am

#### *God’s Call and Our Commitment:*

**To be an authentic and accessible community in Christ,  
celebrating and extending God’s love into the world.**

*We welcome the diversity of all God’s children.*

#### **SILENT MEDITATION**

“God works on us in all ways. But above all, he works on us through each other. People are mirrors, or “carriers” of Christ to other people. Usually it is those who know him that bring him to others. That is why the church, the whole body of Christians showing him to one another, is so important.”

—C.S. Lewis

*(Please complete the registration card found in the bulletin and place in the offering.  
Prayers and comments may be written on the back of the card.)*

### **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

-Lauren Jones

**GREETING**

**INTROIT**

“Praise the Lord”

-Chancel Choir

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise God, for we are God’s chosen people.

**People: God has made all of us new in Jesus.**

Leader: Like mighty waters, God’s power cleanses us.

**People: Like a gentle breeze, God infuses us with breath and spirit.**

Leader: As anointed ones, let us worship with joy.

**People: Let us celebrate the holiness in all of life.**

Leader: For our God who embraces each of us as we are...

**All: We say hallelujah and amen!**

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

-UMH 117

#### **UNISON PRAYER**

Gracious and loving God, your abundance of love for us is overwhelming. Thank You for Your passionate desire to draw us closer to You. As we embark on a new year of our secular calendar, we are reminded that You constantly offer us new spiritual beginnings. Help us to use each day as an occasion to co-create with You. Open our eyes to moments of opportunity to praise You and to serve You. We ask that You wash us clean of the muck of self-doubt, guilt, procrastination and judgment. This we pray so that we might be of greater service to Your people and Your world. Amen.

#### **SILENT PRAYER**



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### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON *Acts 10:34-48 (NRSV)*

-June Miklau

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### HYMN OF PREPARATION *"When Jesus Came to Jordan"*

-UMH 252

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV)*

-June Miklau

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### ANTHEM

*"A Call to Silence"* (Forrest)

-Chancel Choir

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### THE MESSAGE

*"Washed by God"*

-Rev. George Hooper

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

#### OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

#### Offertory

-Lauren Jones

#### \*Doxology

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

-UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,  
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



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**REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

-UMH 50

### **GOING FORTH**

**APPLYING THE WORD** - *Sharing ways to respond to God's work in our lives through our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness.*

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

*"Blessed Assurance"*

-UMH 369

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

-Lauren Jones

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

***"Open Hearts...Open Minds...Open Doors"***



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