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## United Methodist Church of Vista

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### Bulletin

January 23, 2011 “Third Sunday after the Epiphany” 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 is not greater if you reverence him, but you are greater if you serve him.” —Augustine of Hippo

*(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** “Adagio from Sonata I” (Mendelssohn) -Carol Graham

#### **GREETING**

**INTROIT** “Praise the Lord” -Chancel Choir

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

Leader: We gather to worship as one body in Christ.  
**People: Despite our differences, God’s unwavering love unites us.**  
Leader: God calls us from our homes and our jobs...  
**People: From our families and our friends...**  
Leader: From our hobbies and our pastimes...  
**People: From our prejudices and our fears...**  
Leader: God loves each of us equally as seekers and followers.  
**All: Together, we respond. Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** “Heralds of Christ” -UMH 567

#### **UNISON PRAYER**

Loving and patient God, we pray for the light of Your love. May it shine where we linger in the dark places of insecurity, fear and resentment. Please redirect us when we focus on differences of politics, race, income, age and background. Guide us in seeing our similarities with Your eyes. Release us from our judgment and criticism. Help us let go of our desire for power and control. We ask that You fill us instead with the power of Your Holy Spirit. We pray that You lead us in ways we can demonstrate Your love. Amen.

#### **SILENT PRAYER**



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### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON *1 Cor. 1:10-18 (NRSV)*

-Ray Coast

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### HYMN OF PREPARATION *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"*

—UMH 559

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 4:12-23 (NRSV)*

-Ray Coast

Now when Jesus heard that John has been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### ANTHEM

*"If It Had Not Been"* (Daniels)

-Chancel Choir

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### THE MESSAGE

*"Undivided"*

-Rev. George Hooper

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

#### OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

##### Offertory

*"Chorale from Finlandia"* (Sibelius) -Carol Graham/Brenda Foss

##### \*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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**Church Organist**

**Family Ministries Co-Directors**

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