

## Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista

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In-house and Live-stream Worship

January 8, 2023 10:00 a.m. Epiphany Sunday

Gathering

Gathering Music Praise Band

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Opening Prayer with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

God of all the worlds that are: Like the wise men coming from far away, we would see that guiding star. We would follow them while they follow its light to the manger. There lies the little boy whom you appointed as bearer of your compassion and redeemer of all who would acknowledge their need of redemption. May the brightness of your Son illuminate our path as we strive to live as children of light. May your Word made flesh guide us through all the dark stretches and dark hours of our lives so that in your own good time, we may be welcomed, by your mercy, into the heavenly Jerusalem where there is no night, ever. To this end let this hour of worship prepare us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

#### Song of Welcome

We Three Kings UMH 254, Vs. 1, 2, 5 Words and Music: John H. Hopkins, Jr. Praise Band

\*Children's Time (and released to Sunday School) with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

## Sharing the Word

Scripture with Lyn Berry

Isaiah 60:1-6 and Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

#### Message

The Light that Guides Us Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw



#### Song of the Word

**The First Noel UMH 245, Vs. 1-3, 5** Words and Music: Trad. English Carol Adam Ferrara

#### **Call to Prayer Song**

**Star-Child (ref, vs. 1, ref)** Words: Shirley Erena Murray Music: Carlton R. Young Praise Band

## Community Prayer with Lord's Prayer with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Holy and merciful God, your Word is a lamp to our feet, illuminating the way of salvation and life. We are grateful for its powerful beam that guides us to safety when we lose our way. We trust it to correct our direction when we drift dangerously close to the shoals of life. We rely on it as a faithful compass as we traverse the complex world in which we live. We receive it as a gift and a revelation and ask that you continue to use it to speak, invite, admonish and woo us with the message of your profound, unfathomable love. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## **Response to the Word**

## **Special Music**

Sussex Carol Words and Music: Traditional English Carol Arr. Elaine Hagenberg Chancel Choir

## \*Call to Offering and Action with Beth Brainerd Hallock

## **Invitation and Dedication: Prayer**

We bring our gifts with gratitude for the opportunity to give. We thank you, O Lord, for the bounty that is ours and for the freedom we have to worship as we choose. We are grateful for the endless choices that are ours to ponder and partake. We bring our gifts with hearts full of thanksgiving for all that is ours. We ask only that you would help us to remember. Amen.



## Commissioned into the World

## Song of Sending

**Good Christian Friends Rejoice UMH 224** Words: 14<sup>th</sup> cent. Latin; trans. by John Mason Neale Music: German melody; harm by Gary Alan Smith Adam Ferrara, organ

Benediction with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

## Postlude

#### Motif on 224

Music: German melody; Arr. Adam Ferrara Adam Ferrara

**Pastors:** Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw, Associate Pastor of Music and Visitation, Rev. Frank Hallock and Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister



## **Music Acknowledgements**

**Praise Band:** Greg Rye, Roy Good, Jimmy Patton, Adam Ferrara, Alden Stoneman, Heather Clarke, Barbara Mitchell and Jan Simpson

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## **Announcements**

The **Call to Offering and Action** highlights our response to God's love through our action, service and financial support. Each week we pray for a community partner, special project and/or people who are making a difference in our community and world. The United Methodist Church and this local congregation live our faith through our giving in many ways. Your giving starts here and is multiplied by God. Thank you.

**Thank you for your Support and Contributions:** You are essential to all we do for Vista and beyond. Please consider making a financial contribution to the ongoing work of this faith community. Your monetary gifts can be dropped in the offering box or a giving plate in the narthex/lobby after worship. Thank you!

**Valentine's Sunday -** Jesus said, "Love one another, as I have loved you." Share YOUR love on Valentine's Sunday by uploading one picture of your love for a friend, family, pet or place. Be sure to share your name and the name for "your love" with any expression of love you'd like to share. We will share them in worship on Feb 12. Upload your picture or love note by February 6 to videoupload.umcvista.org. Contact Michael Beu for more information.

**United Women in Faith Sunday is coming up on January 29.** We celebrate the women of our church, their passion and work in missions and for women and children around the world. This year we welcome Rev. Krista Givens who will be sharing our message from across the globe. Be sure to join in worship for a special worship time.

**Staff Parish Relations Committee:** Today we give thanks for the leadership of Michael Beu in our technology ministry and celebrate his presence for the last two years. Michael is transitioning to a full time position at another UMC. He will continue with us in a consulting role, but won't be with us every Sunday! Thanks Michael for all your heart and hard work!

**Youth Happenings...**today, Youth Group meeting (11 am). Sunday, Jan. 22 - Parent/Youth meeting to go over scheduling through September. See John Giard with any questions.



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