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Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista

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In-house and Live-stream Worship

**February 26, 2023
10:00 a.m.
1st Sunday of Lent**

Gathering

Gathering Music

Praise Band

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Opening Prayer

God of all grace, we come to this hour of worship in need of your presence. Let our words be open and faithful. Let our ears be ready to listen. Open our heart that it may feel the love you offer. This is the hour of blessing and we are your family. Amen.

Song of Welcome

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Words and Music: Brian Doerksen

Praise Band

Baptism and Welcoming New Members

***Children's Time (and released to Sunday School)**

Sharing the Word

Scripture with John Giard

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)

Message

The Blessing Hour

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw



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Song of the Word

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days UMH 269

Words: Claudia F. Hernaman

Music: USA folk melody; arr. by Annabel Morris Buchanan
Adam Ferrara

Call to Prayer Song

Come and Find the Quiet Center FWS 2128, Vs. 1

Words: Shirley Erena Murray

Music: Attr. to B.F. White
Adam Ferrara

Lenten Prayer with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Prayer of Confession

In the season of Lent we are invited to consider how we live as followers of Christ – to look at our decisions and our actions straight on, to hold them up to the example of Christ, and to make amends. In this time of silence, and in our prayer together, let us look at our lives. We pray, first in silence.

Silent Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life:
Hear our prayer.

There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us
From one another and from You.

We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
For fear of admitting our part in the separation,
For fear of being rejected when we reach out.

You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
To a wholeness with each other and with You.

Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations
Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Response to the Word

Special Music

My Hope is in the Lord

Words: Norman J. Clayton

Music: Marianne Forman

Chancel Choir



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***Call to Offering and Action** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Invitation and Dedication: Prayer

Almighty and restoring God, we have been living through some difficult days, as churches and as individuals. We experience days when we rise, wondering if we will make it through one more day, whether the church will survive for another generation; and we feel like those dry bones in the valley. As we offer our tithes and offerings, help us to hear the word of hope the prophet shares, not just with our ears but with our hearts. May it call us back to life and service, out of the graves of despair in which we have buried ourselves. In Christ's holy name. Amen.

Commissioned into the World

Song of Sending

Come As You Are

Words and Music: David Crowder, Matt Maher and Ben Glover
Praise Band

Benediction

Postlude

Praise Band

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



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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.

Giving 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!

New Member Luncheon today at 11:15 a.m. downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Committee Chairs are welcome to join the New Member Luncheon.

A Lenten study, "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton begins February 28, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The class will be taught by Beth Brainerd Hallock and Barbara Mitchell. Signups in the Narthex. For questions, please see Beth or Barbara.

A Lenten study, "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton on Tuesdays, February 28, March 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The class will be taught by Beth Brainerd Hallock and Barbara Mitchell. Signups in the Narthex. For questions, please see Beth or Barbara. Please remember to order your book from Amazon and read the introduction and first chapter.

Youth Happenings... Youth Group today from 11:00 to 12:30 p.m. See John Giard with any questions.



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