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Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista

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In-house and Live-stream Worship

**March 19, 2023
10:00 a.m.
4th Sunday of Lent**

Gathering

Gathering Music

Peace Train

Music: Cat Stevens
Praise Band

Special Music

I've Got A Voice

Music: David MacGregor, arr. Carol Pence
Blakeslee Chimes

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Opening Prayer with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

Merciful God, we embrace this season of Lent as we prepare again to walk with Jesus to the cross. Speak to us, we pray, the solemn truth of Christ's passion. Remind us that there is no life without death, no communion without separation, no glory without suffering. Give us courage and faith to receive these difficult truths and to align our hearts and lives with them. May we choose to lose our lives so that we may gain them; to endure the pain of separation that we might enjoy the fellowship of all your saints; to enter Christ's suffering by entering the suffering of your children on earth that we may one day share in your eternal glory. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Song of Welcome

God of Wonders

Words and Music: Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong
Praise Band

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



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Sharing the Word

Scripture with Sara Baldwin

[Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32](#) (NRSV)

Message

The Hour of the Lost

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Song of the Word

Beautiful Things

Words and Music: Michael Gungor and Lisa Gungor

Praise Band with Heather Clarke

Call to Prayer Song

Come and Find the Quiet Center FWS 2128, Vs. 3

Words: Shirley Erena Murray

Music: Attr. to B.F. White

Praise Band

Community Prayer with Lord's Prayer with Rev. Frank Hallock

God of the dusk-times, you lead us to places deep and empty, that we may be refreshed. The truth of the night is a rest for our soul, but sometimes the shadows play tricks on us. Sometimes we hear disturbing noises. Sometimes we just don't want to let the day end. Remind our spirit that all of creation lives in a rhythm of activity and resting. With the mystical hour of fading day, we trust in your certain grace. Even when night is closing in, we center in your love. For us and for our neighbors, let us be restored in the completion of the day. 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.



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Response to the Word

Special Music

II. Mouvement de Menuet

Music: Sonatine pour Piano Maurice Ravel
Adam Ferrara, Piano

*Call to Offering and Action with Melissa Giard

Invitation and Dedication: Prayer

Generous God, you tenderly care for each person you have created. You miraculously restore people to health and shine light into the lives of those who are discouraged. Guide us so that we will not regard others according to outward appearances but seek to find your love in their hearts. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves to contribute to the work of your kingdom on earth until Christ returns in glory. Amen.

Commissioned into the World

Song of Sending

Blessed Assurance UMH 369

Words: Fanny J. Crosby
Music: Phoebe K. Knapp
Adam Ferrara

Benediction

Postlude

Prelude from BWV 554

Music: Attr. J.S. Bach
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



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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 thanks 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, put through the secure mail slot near the office or use your credit card at the Scrip table. Thank you!

A Lenten study, "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton on Tuesdays, March 21, 28 and April 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., facilitated by Beth B. Hallock and Barbara Mitchell. For questions, please see Beth or Barbara. Please remember to order your book from Amazon. In person or Zoom (meeting ID: 825 6061 6727).

Pennies for Heaven - Help close our ministry gap in 2023. Bring your pennies and add to the decorated penny jar. Our Finance team thanks you for joining in the "fun" to raise our budget for ministry! Check with Sara Baldwin for more on having fun!

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



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