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Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista

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In-house and Live-stream Worship

**April 30, 2023
10:00 a.m.
4th Sunday of Easter**

Gathering

Gathering Music

Praise Band

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Opening Prayer with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

We are welcomed into your presence this day by your gracious hospitality, O God. Grant that we will lay aside our cares and anxieties to concentrate our thoughts on you alone. Open us to the teaching and guidance for living which we receive, that we will be strengthened to walk with you and follow wherever you lead us. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Song of Welcome

Everlasting God

Words and Music: Benton Brown and Ken Riley

Praise Band

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

Sharing the Word

Scripture with Ranae Mathias

[Acts 2:42-47 and John 10:1-10](#) (NRSV)

Message

Gated Faith

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw



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Affirmation of Our Faith:

We believe in God the Creator, who created and is creating everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God. We believe in God the Christ, who saved and is saving everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us: each of us; unique, individual and beloved of the Christ. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who guided and is guiding everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit. We believe that this one God in three persons, is present among us, working directly in our lives and the lives of all who are born into this world, striving to bring us back into harmony with all creation and with God: forgiving, healing, touching everyone, never rejecting any who willingly receive this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life.

Song of the Word

Mercy is Falling

Words and Music: David Ruis
Praise Band

Call to Prayer Song

Draw the Circle

Words: Gordon Light
Music: Mark A. Mills
Praise Band

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

God of all tenderness, some of us are living day to day and just trying to get by. We want answers to our questions, but we aren't sure we will believe even if you came to us in person. The power of Easter is fading. Distractions are abundant. Stir us up. Fill our empty spirit. Gather us again into your care that we may witness your truth and remember our call. We are called to justice, compassion and community. The road to remembering is doing your work in this world. Help us to make the time to live our faith; drawing nearer to you with each tired step. 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

Jimmy Patton, Guitar

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

Invitation and Dedication: Prayer

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.

Commissioned into the World

Song of Sending

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service UMH 581, Vs. 1, 3, 4

Words: Albert F Bayly

Music: Attr; B. F. White, harm; Ronald A. Nelson

Adam Ferrara, Organ

Benediction

Postlude

Adam Ferrara, Organ

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

An interpreter for the Deaf/and hard-of-hearing will be here on **Sunday, May 7, at the 10 a.m. service.** We are striving to ensure that God's Word is accessible to all. Please invite anyone you feel could benefit from this service.

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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!

Website Renovation! If you have any feedback about our website, please find Amanda after service or send an email to amandas@umcvista.org. Your feedback is important to us and we look forward to hearing from you.

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

Beginning today, the nursery will be available to receive little ones. Karen Felien and Marie Bonner will be staffing the nursery. The cry room will still be available for parents to use. For more information or questions, see Margene Haase.

Rummage sale, May 6 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the upper parking lot. Please drop off your items on May 5 between 3 and 8 p.m. Need help? Call Scott or Tracy Lyons, 760.696.1185. Or bring items to the church and we can store them downstairs. Volunteers are needed on Friday, May 5 from 3-8 p.m. to organize and price items. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex.



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