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*Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista*

**Live-stream for Worship at 10 a.m., go to: [livestream.umcvista.org](https://livestream.umcvista.org)**

**In-house and Live-stream Worship**

**May 14, 2023  
10:00 a.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day**

**Gathering**

**Gathering Music**

Praise Band

**Pastoral Welcome** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

**Opening Prayer** with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

Holy and loving God, we come here to worship this day with anticipation and hope. We come thankful for our church and our families. Here we are to celebrate our heritage, as people of faith. We are thankful for the many traditions and experiences that have brought us to this time. As your call upon our lives becomes clearer, through your word and your church, may we know hope and meaning as we give God praise and thanksgiving. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Song of Welcome**

**Your Love Never Fails**

Words and Music: Chris McClarney and Anthony Skinner

Praise Band

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

**Sharing the Word**

**Scripture** with Lyn Berry

**[John 14:15-21](#)** (NRSV)

**Message**

**Beginning and Ending with Love**

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw



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**Song of the Word**

**Build Your Kingdom Here**

Words and Music: Gareth Gilkeson and Chris Llewellyn  
Praise Band

**Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

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**

**Look at the World**

Words and Music: John Rutter  
Chancel Choir

**\*Call to Offering and Action** with Barbara Mitchell

**Invitation and Dedication: Prayer**

Gracious Spirit, you have showered us with your gifts, and we embrace you with thanksgiving. May our embrace be arms wide open, ready to share, to serve and to love. Use our spiritual gifts that we may live the spiritual life, moving according to the Spirit's heated touch and bending in the direction of God's holy will.

**Commissioned into the World**

**Song of Sending**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling** UMH 384, Vs 1, 2 & 4

Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: John Zundel  
Adam Ferrara, Organ



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**Benediction and Liturgy for Moms** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

**Blessing for Moms**

We pray for moms whose children are grown.

**Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.**

We pray for moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

**Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.**

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

**Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.**

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

**Grant them strength and wisdom.**

We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

**Grant them time to share with their families.**

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

**Grant them relief and justice.**

We pray for step-moms.

**Grant them patience, understanding and love.**

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

**Grant them faith and hope.**

We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

**Grant them support and insight.**

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

**Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.**

We pray for adoptive mothers.

**Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.**

We pray for women who think about becoming mothers.

**Grant them wisdom and discernment.**

We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be mothers.

**Grant them grace to accept your timing.**

We pray for moms who struggled with motherhood and did their best.

**Grant them assurance and forgiveness.**

We pray for moms of children with special needs.

**Grant them strength to endure and rest from the demands.**

We pray for women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

**Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.**

We pray for persons who are grieving the loss of their mother.

**Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.**

Lord, hear our prayers for the Moms of our life...

**Lord, hear our prayers... Amen!**

**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 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!

**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! **As of April 30, we have raised \$711! Thanks again for your participation.**

**Vista Strawberry Festival, May 28** - Volunteers needed to man a booth and provide info to attendees about our church. Contact Kathy Johnson if you would be interested in doing a 2-hour shift sometime between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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

**The nursery is available to receive little ones.** The cry room will still be available for parents to use. For more information or questions, see Margene Haase.

**Be Prepared:** Recent tragedies remind us that risk is real. If you are involved in an active shooter incident, if you see something, say something. Before you run, know the exits. Find a place to hide. If you can't hide, fight. Throw a book or something near you as a distraction. Help law enforcement if asked. Seek support to cope with trauma. For more information on how to stay safe, check out [fema.gov](http://fema.gov).



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