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Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista

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In-house and Live-stream Worship

**May 21, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Ascension Sunday**

Gathering

Gathering Music

Praise Band

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Opening Prayer with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

Breath of God, renew us in this time of worship. Help us set aside thoughts that trouble us. Help us pause the challenges of the world that taunt us. Pour your spirit within each one of us, that we may be re-spirited in this hour by your power and your grace. Amen.

Song of Welcome

God of This City

Words and Music: Aaron Boyd, Richard Bleakley, Peter Comfort, Peter Kernoghan,
Andrew McCann and Ian Jordan

Praise Band

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

Sharing the Word

Scripture with Heidi Kendall

[Acts 1:1-11 and Luke 24:44-53](#) (NRSV)

Message

Up, Up and Blessings

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw



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Song of the Word

Living Hope

Words and Music: Phil Wickham and Brian Johnson

Praise Band

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

Oh, Holy God, who cares for us continually, help us to lift our eyes and hearts to you in this and in every moment. We celebrate the presence of your Holy Spirit with us and in us. We are not left alone, that was your promise. And you have given us work to do. We are called Help us always to live in the Spirit, and to offer ourselves in service and care so that the spirit will flow through us to those in need of comfort, care, healing and grace. In times of trouble and in times of joy, let us lift our hearts before you as an offering of praise. 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

It Is Well

Words and Music: Philip P. Bass, arr. by Rolin R Mains, Dino Kartsonakis
Adam Ferrara, Piano

***Call to Offering and Action** with Rollin Grider

Invitation and Dedication: Prayer

Endless source of life, pour your blessing upon the gifts we bring before you. Bless our giving in your abundance for the restoration of all people. Through our offering, may those who are weary be energized; may those who feel forgotten find a home. With the joy of your grace filling our hearts, we pray. Amen.



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Commissioned into the World

Song of Sending

God of Love and God of Power UMH 578, Vs. 1, 3 & 4

Words: Gerald H. Kennedy

Music: Joachim Nea

Adam Ferrara

Benediction with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Postlude

BWV Little Preludes F Major One

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!

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. 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](https://www.fema.gov).

Caring for One Another: For safety and hospitality, take time to exchange cell phone numbers with a few church members in case you need an emergency contact or to stay connected to the activities of our congregation.



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