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Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista

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In-house and Live-stream Worship

July 23, 2023

10:00 a.m.

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Gathering Music

Praise Band

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Opening Prayer with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

Creator God, Holy Gardener who sustains and nurtures all life, open us today to your life-giving grace and transformative love. As we notice our internal struggles, empower us to greet the wheat and the weeds in our own hearts with care and compassion. As we recognize the challenges and suffering in our community, inspire us to meet the weeds and the wheat in our neighbors with acceptance and hope. We know that you alone have the final say, and so we give ourselves over to you as instruments of hospitality and grace that we would tend our neighbors even as we are tended by you. Amen.

Song of Welcome

Gather Us In FWS 2236

Words and Music: Marty Haugen

Praise Band

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

Sharing the Word

Scripture with Susan Delany

Genesis 28:10-19a and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NRSV)

Message

Growing Together

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw



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Song of the Word

Hymn of Promise UMH 707

Words and Music: Natalie Sleeth

Praise Band

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

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

O Lord, Hear My Prayer FWS 2200

Words and Music: Jacques Berthier

Praise Band

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

Invitation and Dedication: Prayer

Holy God, we are living in days of division and polarization, and we regretfully confess that your church is not exempt from that statement. Regardless of where we stand, it is far too easy to look at those who see things differently and see them as weeds, stunting the good fruit we could bear. As we bring our offerings to you, the temptation to focus on our own agenda is strong. Help us to give generously without judging. Give us the faith to put them to your use, and humility to know that only you can see clearly what is wheat and what is weed. We pray in the name of Christ who knows all hearts. Amen.

Commissioned into the World

Song of Sending

Shine, Jesus, Shine FWS 2173

Words and Music: Graham Kendrick

Praise Band

Benediction with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

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 June 30, we have collected \$900! Thanks for your continued support!**

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 is also available for parents use. For more information or questions, see Margene Haase.

Peace Pole - Please join us Saturday, July 29, 10 a.m. at Operation HOPE North County (859 E. Vista Way in Vista) as we dedicate a Peace Pole to the center. This is our fifth placement in the city. Pastor Leigh Ann will offer the blessing. Questions? Contact Lyn Berry at 760.201.6113.



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