



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VISTA  
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*Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista*

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

**August 20, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Gathering**

**Gathering Music**

Praise Band

**Pastoral Welcome** with Rev. Frank Hallock

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

Eternal God, we give thanks to you, we call upon your name. We sing to you, we sing praise to you, telling of all your wonderful acts. We give glory to your holy name. Our hearts rejoice as we seek you. We look to you as our strength. We remember all the wonder you have done for us. In your presence we worship you and seek your face. Amen.

**Song of Welcome**

**Your Grace is Enough**

Words and Music: Matt Maher

Praise Band

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

**Sharing the Word**

**Scripture** with Diane Biggs

[Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 and Matthew 15:10-28](#) (NRSV)

**Message**

**Jesus...a Word?**

Rev. Frank Hallock



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**Song of the Word**

**Freely, Freely** UMH 389  
Words and Music: Carol Owens  
Praise Band

**Community Prayer with Lord's Prayer** with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

We are grateful, gracious God, for the gift of belonging to you. We see the hurts, the poverty, the injustice and the violence that mars your world, and we know that your heart is broken. We thank you for the high calling to care, respond and give to meet the needs and ease the suffering of people you love so much. We pray that these offerings will be useful to fulfill the mission of your church. 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**

**Ancient Words**  
Words and Music: Lynn DeShazo  
Summer Choir

**\*Call to Offering and Action** with Melissa Giard

**Invitation and Dedication: Prayer**

Creator and architect of the universe, we want to believe that your love for us means you will go before us on life's path and clear the way, making it easy to travel, but our experience doesn't always bear that out. We know you see a bigger picture than we do. As we bring you our offerings this day, we affirm your presence with us in the pits of despair as well as in the palaces of plenty. We give with gratitude, in Christ's holy name. Amen.



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**Commissioned into the World**

**Song of Sending**

**The Gift of Love** UMH 408

Words: Hal Hopson

Music: Traditional English Melody

Adam Ferrara, Organ

**Benediction** with Rev. Frank Hallock

**Postlude**

Adam Ferrara

**Pastors:** Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw, Associate Pastor of Music and Visitation,  
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**Praise Band:** Greg Rye, Roy Good, Jimmy Patton, Adam Ferrara, Alden Stoneman, Heather Clarke, Melissa Giard, Barbara Mitchell and Jan Simpson

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### Announcements

#### **Special Charge Conference, Sunday, August 27 at 1 p.m.**

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 July 31, we have collected \$1,080! 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](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 is also available for parents to use. For more information or questions, see Margene Haase.

**Memorial Service for Kim Hotaling** on Saturday, August 26 at 2 p.m.



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