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*Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista*

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

**September 3, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

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

**Gathering**

**Gathering Music**

Adam Ferrara

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

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

Holy God, in this time and place we prepare to meet you as your body, the church. We acknowledge you as our head. We anticipate your Spirit moving among us. We await your Word, knowing that through it our lives and loves will be reordered. Come to us in power to confront, convict and comfort, for we are your people, made in your image. Amen.

**Song of Welcome**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty** UMH 64

Words: Reginald Heber

Music: John B. Dykes

Adam Ferrara

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

**Sharing the Word**

**Scripture** with Sara Baldwin

[Romans 12:9-21 and Matthew 16:21-28](#) (NRSV)

**Message**

**The Journey Begins**

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw



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### **Song of the Word**

**I Have Decided to Follow Jesus** FWS 2129

Words and Music: Anon.

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**

**Every Move I Make**

Words and Music: David Ruis

**Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

Words and Music: Rick Founds

Praise Band

#### **Communion**

##### **Communion Music**

**Draw the Circle** W&S 3154

Words and Music: Gordon Light, Mark Miller

**There's a Spirit of Love in This Place** W&S 3148

Words and Music: Mark A. Miller

Praise Band

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

#### **Invitation and Dedication: Prayer**

God of power and might: We, like Peter, struggle with the image of a savior sent to suffer and die. We may seem to be doing great in following Christ, but we too stumble at this point. Perhaps we stumble because we know that what follows is Christ's call to us to deny ourselves and pick up a cross of our own in order to follow. As we bring gifts for the work of building your kingdom, help us to learn to deny, carry, and follow. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

### **Commissioned into the World**

#### **Song of Sending**

**Would I Have Answered When You Called** FWS 2137

Words: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

Music: Trad. English melody

Adam Ferrara, Organ



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**Benediction** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

**Postlude**

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**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

**Interpreter for the Deaf:** Today we welcome an interpreter for the Deaf/and hard-of hearing. Congregational Care is providing funds for this pilot program. We are striving to ensure that God's Word is accessible to all. Please invite anyone you feel could benefit from this service.

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 August 27, we have collected \$1,190! Thanks for your continued support!**

**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.

**Luau for Lahaina** will be held Sunday, September 24, after church to raise money to send to UMCOR to help the Lahaina wildfire victims. Please come, invite a friend, and enjoy food and entertainment. Sign-ups in the narthex to plan for food. Let's spread the aloha. Question, see Lyn Berry.

**Church Office Closed Labor Day, September 4.**



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