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Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista

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In-house and Live-stream Worship

October 15, 2023

10:00 a.m.

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Gathering Music

Praise Band

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Frank Hallock

Opening Prayer with Darryl Wood

O God, we thank you for your Word and for the eternal truths that guide us day by day. We thank you most of all for the living Word, Jesus Christ, and the sureness of his presence. Teach us how to turn unto you so that your thoughts may be our thoughts, and your ways our ways. Amen.

Song of Welcome

Gather Us In

Words and Music: Marty Haugen

Praise Band

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

Sharing the Word

Scripture with Heidi Kendall

[Ephesians 5:15-20](#) (NRSV)

Message

God Doesn't Steer Parked Cars

Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

Song of the Word

I've Got Peace Like a River FWS 2145, Vs. 1-3

Words and Music: African American spiritual

Praise Band



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Stewardship Moment with Sandra Peters

Community Prayer with Lord's Prayer with Barbara Mitchell

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

I'll Sing

Words: Isaac Watts (Psalm 104:33)

Music: Molly Ijames

Chancel Choir

***Call to Offering and Action** with Juna Spitz

Invitation and Dedication: Prayer

Bountiful God, we come with our offerings in response to your love. With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. With the energy bestowed by the Spirit, we seek to inflame all your people with a zeal for your way. Receive the work we do, and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in your sight. Amen.

Commissioned into the World

Song of Sending

The Church's One Foundation UMH 545, Vs. 1, 2 & 5

Words: Samuel J. Stone

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Adam Ferrara

Benediction with Rev. Frank Hallock

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

Laity Sunday is a special Sunday defined by General Conference “to celebrate the ministry of all Christians” (2016 Book of Discipline, ¶ 264.2). Traditionally observed on the third Sunday in October, Laity Sunday is one way we express the deep conviction that all are called to participate in God’s mission and live this calling through the ministry of the church. Ministries of the laity include: lay leaders, lay servants, lay speakers, lay ministers, lay missionaries, deaconesses, home missionaries, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, The Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, missionary service, and so many other significant forms of ministry.

Preparing for Advent: During Advent we will be building a unique and dynamic nativity scene. Pastor Leigh Ann is collecting a piece from all members of the congregation to create a messy, unusual vision of Christ’s birth. Any one piece that is a part of the story of the Nativity is welcome and should be considered a donated gift for someone else. On Christmas Eve all the pieces will be available to take home and added to your family Christmas celebration.

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 Sept. 25, we have collected \$1,423! 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.

Special Called Session of Cal-Pac Annual Conference: On Saturday, November 11, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., our Bishop, Rev. Dottie Escobedo-Frank, has called a special session of annual conference for 2 reasons. First, to review and approve the conference budget for 2024. Second, to vote on the Cal-Pac Board of Trustees’ recommendations for churches who have completed process of disaffiliation. For more on this check out our conference website at calpacumc.org.



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Youth Happenings... Youth Group today from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. See John Giard with any questions.

Missionary serving in Nepal, Katherine Parker, will be our guest on Tuesday, Oct. 31, to present a program about her service in Nepal. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. and followed by a free luncheon. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for a lunch count. An offering will be taken to help cover Katherine's travel expenses.

Join us Saturday, Oct. 28 from 3 - 5 p.m. in celebrating the All Church Trunk or Treat. Costumed kids (and adults) will be treated to games, crafts and candy. Everyone is welcome. **Donations of candy** can be placed in the container in the Narthex. Sign-up sheets available in Narthex for volunteers to help and/or decorate your car trunk for this event. Contact Margene Haase for more information.



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