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*Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista*

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

**October 29, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Pledge Sunday**

**Gathering**

**Gathering Music**

Praise Band

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

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

Each week, we gather to worship, to encourage one another and to hear from God. Holy Spirit, lead our time today. It will be like so many others before it. We will sing, we will pray, we will hear from the Word of God. Yet Spirit, we ask that today will be different. Help us to sing with new vigor, to pray more earnestly and to listen without distraction. Let today be the day we are transformed because we have been together in your presence. Amen.

**Song of Welcome**

**Everlasting God**

Words and Music: Benton Brown and Ken Riley

Praise Band

**Stewardship Moment** with Joann Balardeta

**Stewardship Prayer** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

**Special Music**

**This Little Light of Mine**

Music: Mark Hayes

Piano duet, Tim Smith and Adam Ferrara

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



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### Sharing the Word

Scripture with Colleen Guffey

[1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 and Matthew 22:34-46](#) (NRSV)

### Message

**The Reformation**

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

### Song of the Word

**How Can We Name a Love** UMH 111, Vs. 1, 2 & 4

Words: Brian Wren

Music: Trad. English melody; adapt. By Franklin L. Sheppard

Praise Band

### Response to the Word

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

### Invitation and Dedication: Prayer

Gracious and generous God, we thank you for our many blessings. We offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family, our loved ones, and all the gifts we have been given. You are with us always. In each dark hour, you are here. In each bright hour, you are here. Blessed by your grace, may we show gratitude by sharing what we have been given. Remind us that by serving our brothers and sisters, we serve you. And as we seek to be your faithful stewards, help us to view our giving not as an obligation, but as a promise fulfilled. Bless these gifts to the work that you would have us do, in your name. Amen.

### Commissioned into the World

### Song of Sending

**A Mighty Fortress is Our God** UMH 110, Vs. 1,2 & 4

Words and Music: Martin Luther

Adam Ferrara

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

### Postlude

**To God Be the Glory**

Arr. Mark Hayes

Piano duet, Tim Smith and 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

**An interpreter for the Deaf/and hard-of-hearing** will be here on **Sunday, Nov. 5, at the 10 a.m. service.** We are striving to ensure that God's Word is accessible to all. Please invite anyone you feel could benefit from this service.

**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 two 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](http://calpacumc.org).

**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.

**Thank YOU!** Our Education team and the many wonderful volunteers!



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