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Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista

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In-house and Live-stream Worship

November 12, 2023

10:00 a.m.

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Gathering Music

Praise Band

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Opening Prayer with Rev. Frank Hallock

God of truth, we come longing for the peace that only you can provide. We seem so often to be tossed to and fro, blown about by every wind except that of your own Holy Spirit. Be pleased to dwell here this day, to receive our worship and our praise. Linger long, and speak the truth to us in love, that we may come to the unity of faith and to the knowledge of the full stature of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Song of Welcome

10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord

Words and Music: Jonas and Matt Redman

Praise Band

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

Sharing the Word

Scripture with Dick Muir

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Matthew 25:1-13](#) (NRSV)

Message

Where's the Flame?

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Song of the Word

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God UMH 712, Vs. 1-3

Words: Lesbia Scott

Music: John H. Hopkins, Jr.

Adam Ferrara



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Pastoral Prayer and 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

Polonaise in Ab, Op. 53

Music: Chopin
Adam Ferrara

***Call to Offering and Action** with John Giard

Invitation and Dedication: Prayer

Holy Shepherd of all generations, we bring our gifts this morning with thanksgiving and praise! We present these tithes and offerings not from hearts of obligation or debt, but with the confidence and joy that through your love made incarnate in your son Jesus, you've forever removed our debt. Our joy and gratitude are hard to contain. Use our gifts and our lives to do your work of compassion, mercy, and redemption. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Commissioned into the World

Song of Sending

Eternal Father, Strong To Save FWS 2191, Vs. 1-4

Words: William Whiting
Music: John B. Dykes
Adam Ferrara

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

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!

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.

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

Annual Charge Conference is Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. **Reports due to Paula by Nov. 22.** Please call the church office at 760.726.0442 for questions.

Honoring Veterans... We give thanks for those who've served our nation and guarded our freedom. For all those in military service and who serve the department of defense, thank you!

From the Finance/Stewardship Committee...

Pennies for Heaven

As of Oct. 29, we have received \$1,563. Thank you congregation for your continued support.

Update on Pledges

As of Tuesday, Nov. 7, we have received 54 Pledges, bringing our total pledges to \$152,799. We appreciate your support. We will continue to give you updates as we receive them. Blessings to you all.



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