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*Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista*

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**Online Worship Only**

**December 31, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day**

**Gathering**

**Gathering Music**

**O Holy Night**

Music: Arr. Tom Roed  
Adam Ferrara, piano

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

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

Almighty God, you have wondrously revealed yourself in the Holy Child of Bethlehem. By faith we kneel beside the manger-throne, hoping that somehow he will be born in us here and now. For Jesus' sake, grant that we may share in a new birth of faith. Teach us to recognize your presence in our lives, and bring us at the last to the realm of your glory, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Special Music**

**El Tamborilero (Little Drummer Boy)**

Words and Music: Harry Simeone, Henry Onorati and Katherine Kennicott Davis  
Arranged by: Jimmy Patton and Enrique Platas

**Sharing the Word**

**Scripture** with Rev. Frank Hallock

[Luke 2:22-40](#) (NRSV)

**Message**

**New Year is Coming**

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

**Special Music**

Adrienne Nims, Sax



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

Mighty Creator, Glorious Redeemer, Gracious Sustainer, we come before you with awe and thanksgiving for the revelation of yourself in the babe in a manger. In him, you were born of flesh that we might be born of spirit. In him, you gave us One to share our humanity and reveal your will. In him, you gave us a model of complete trust in you, even in times of testing, rejection, suffering and death. In him, you gave us a companion on the human journey, so we might experience salvation hope. May our lives reflect our gratitude to you for this incredible gift. We pray in the name of our Savior and Helper, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**Response to the Word**

**Special Music**

**Still I Sing**

Words: Kyle Pederson

Music: Loch Lomand, trad. Scottish Melody

Chancel Choir

**\*Call to Offering and Action** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

**Invitation and Dedication: Prayer**

God of hope and joy, the gifts we offer to you pale when our minds try to grasp all we have been given in this season: wholeness in our woundedness, hope in our despair, peace in our turmoil, forgiveness in our rebellion. Like Simeon, we have listened with our ears that we might not miss you, and our eyes have seen your salvation! You gave us light in our darkness and hope in our discouragement. Help us embrace your extravagant generosity as we give ourselves to others. In our Savior's holy name, we pray. Amen.

**Commissioned into the World**

**Closing Song**

**Go, Tell It on the Mountain** UMH 251, Vs. 1-3

Words: John W. Work

Music: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith

Praise Band

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

**Postlude**

**I Wonder as I Wander**

Music: Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Tim Smith and Adam Ferrara, Duet

**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**

**Special Thanks to All our Musicians from the season:** Naomi Alter, Adrienne Nims, Jimmy Patton, Enrique Platas, Mark Windrum and Tim Smith.

**Worship online and in person on January 7 at 10:00 am!** See you then!

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!

Our **music concert, "Rejoice Greatly"** is now scheduled for **January 14 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Our Chancel Choir will be combining with members of the San Luis Rey Chorale, and friends from the Greater San Diego Music Coterie. We will also feature our Chamber Orchestra, Anderson Handbells and guest artists, Jimmy Patton and Enrique Platas and Naomi Alter, harpist. Admission is free, and a free-will offering will be taken.



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