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*Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista*

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

**January 7, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
Epiphany Sunday**

**Gathering**

**Gathering Music**

Praise Band

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

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

God of all the worlds that are...like the wise men coming from far away, we would see that guiding star. We would follow them while they follow its light to the manger. There lies the little boy whom you appointed as bearer of your compassion and redeemer of all who would acknowledge their need of redemption. May the brightness of your Son illuminate our path as we strive to live as children of light. May your Word made flesh guide us through all the dark stretches and dark hours of our lives so that in your own good time, we may be welcomed, by your mercy, into the heavenly Jerusalem where there is no night, ever. To this end let this hour of worship prepare us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Song of Welcome**

**We Three Kings** UMH 254, Vs. 1, 2, 5

Words and Music: John H. Hopkins, Jr.

Praise Band

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

**Sharing the Word**

**Scripture** with Lyn Berry

**[Matthew 2:1-12](#)** (NRSV)

**Message**

**To the Star**

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw



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**Song of the Word**

**Goodness of God**

Words and Music: Jen Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding and Brian Johnson  
Melissa Giard

**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**

**Go, Tell It On the Mountain**

Words: John W. Work  
Music: Trad. Spiritual, arr. Frank Hallock  
Chancel Choir

**\*Communion/Great Thanksgiving**

**Communion Music**

**Feed Us, Lord** W&S 3167  
Words and Music: Greg Scheer  
Praise Band

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

**Invitation and Dedication: Prayer**

God of Light. We take these gifts and present them with love. We rejoice in our ability to share, but long to do more. Help us to be like the magi and carefully plan the gifts we bring you. May we not be satisfied with what is enough, but instead be inspired to do more. May these gifts be used so others may know the hope that is found in you. In His name, we pray. Amen.



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**Commissioned into the World**

**Song of Sending**

**For the Beauty of the Earth** UMH 92, Vs. 1, 2, 4 & 6

Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint

Music: Conrd Kocher

Adam Ferrara, organ

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

**Postlude**

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

**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!

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.

**From the Finance/Stewardship Committee...**The total collected for Pennies for Heaven for 2023 is \$2,255.08. Thank you congregation for your continued support.

**Youth Happenings (Jan. 7 & 21)...**Youth Group today from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. See John Giard with any questions.



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