



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VISTA
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We are called to be an authentic, accessible and inclusive community
in Christ, celebrating and extending God's love into the world.

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In-house and Live-stream Worship

**March 31, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday**

Gathering

Gathering Music

Morning Has Broken

Words: Eleanor Farjeon

Music: Trad. Gaelic melody, harm. Carlton R. Young

Praise Band

Processional Song

Christ the Lord is Risen Today UMH 302, Vs. 1-3, 5

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: *Lyra Davidica*

Adam Ferrara

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Opening Prayer with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

Christ is Risen!! We repeat our Easter shouts of surprise and joy again and again. Our God has conquered the power of evil, with life giving love. Our God has made a way, where there was no path before. Today is a day of praise and new life!! Thanks be to God!! Amen!! Alleluia!

Song of Welcome

Tell the World

Words and Music: Jonathon Douglass, Joel Houston and Marty Sampson

Praise Band

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



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Sharing the Word

Scripture with Alfred Chappel

[Mark 16:1-8](#) (NRSV)

Message

Are You Looking

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Song of the Word

Mighty to Save

Words and Music: Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

Praise Band

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, Creator of all things seen and unseen,
rock, river, tree, animal and force,
who made me and set me on my path in this world.

I believe in Jesus, beloved Son of the Creator,
took on the human form, born of a woman through the power of the Holy Spirit,
was raised within a family and community.

This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, made himself vulnerable to the world,
endured the lies and violations of humanity,
withdrawing only to pray and teach the way of grace.

He walked a servant's path, through violence and death on the cross,
and rose from the dead, defeating the tomb and restoring creation forever.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, my advocate and the mystery of Creation.
I believe this Spirit settled in my soul before I even drew breath,
brings me into communion with all people, past, present and future,
and calls me to be a pilgrim of a sacred way, meeting people where they are,
showing compassion and care.

I believe in the Kin-dom of all Creation, a family under the heavens,
where and when no one is excluded and all belong.

I believe I am called, the hands and feet of the Kin-dom,
to claim life, share joy and love and extend mercy to all. Amen.

Response to the Word

Special Music

Lux Aeterna

Words: Latin Liturgy, add text Frank Hallock

Music: Frank Hallock

Chancel Choir



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

Invitation and Dedication: Prayer

God of the victory of life over death; on this glorious Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Just as the women encountered the empty tomb and the angelic message of new life, we too encounter the living Christ in our hearts and lives. As we come to present our tithes and offerings, may they be an affirmation of our search for the risen Christ, the one who challenges us to see beyond our own expectations. Bless our giving and help us discover the transformative power of the living Jesus in our lives. In the holy name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

Commissioned into the World

Song of Sending

Easter People, Raise Your Voices UMH 304, Vs. 1-3

Words: William M. James, 1979

Music: Henry T. Smart

Adam Ferrara

Benediction with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Your light is the only light we need as we travel through life's mystery.

Your word, the only voice we hear that still small voice that leads us

to the place where we should be.

Your presence is the only company we need as we walk this narrow road.

Your fellowship, the warmth we crave to help us on our way

May the truth of Easter, the joy of Easter

and the blessings of Easter be with us this day and all days. Amen.

Postlude

Joyful Morning

Music: Adam Ferrara

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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

ONLINE Worship - Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 10 am. Celebrate the Resurrection! Rest, Renew, Reconnect on the Sunday after Easter. We will be online for worship only, and we encourage us all to take time for a service opportunity, to visit and worship with a Community Partner church or take time with family.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt: Following the worship service.

The **Call to Offering and Discipline** highlights our response to God's sacrificial grace through our commitment to personal discipleship and financial support. Each week during Lent we will reflect on our commitments to our faith and personal relationship with God through prayer, alms giving, repentance and reflection. Our local congregation and United Methodist connection live our faith in many ways by supporting the ministries in our building and into the world. Your giving starts here and is multiplied by God. Thank you for your commitment and care.

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!



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