

Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

January 17th, 2021



“Life Is Sacred”

United Methodist Church Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

OUR MISSION

Our Mission is to reach out to others to help them meet their needs and to welcome them into our family of faith as we gather for worship, fellowship, education and service.

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(Please email vistaumc@aol.com or text 520-349-9216 in your Celebrations and Concerns.

These will be read and prayed for during the Pastoral Prayer.)

COUNTDOWN

“Psalm Numbers”

WELCOME & GREETING

Rev. Fred C. Baum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139:1-6

Leader: Lord, you have examined me. You know me.

People: You know when I sit down and when I stand up. Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.

Leader: You study my traveling and resting. You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.

People: There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord, that you don't already know completely.

Leader: You surround me—front and back. You put your hand on me.

People: That kind of knowledge is too much for me; it's so high above me that I can't reach it.

*OPENING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (1,2,3)

No. 64

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 139:13-18

¹³ You are the one who created my innermost parts;
you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.
Your works are wonderful—I know that very well.

¹⁵ My bones weren't hidden from you
when I was being put together in a secret place,
when I was being woven together in the deep parts of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my embryo,
and on your scroll every day was written that was being formed for me,
before any one of them had yet happened.

¹⁷ God, your plans are incomprehensible to me!
Their total number is countless!

¹⁸ If I tried to count them—they outnumber grains of sand!
If I came to the very end—I'd still be with you.

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

Valerie Hammons

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” ~ Eph. 6:18

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER “Jesus Shall Reign” Shannon Casey X 4
Arrangement by Larry Sue

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Fred C. Baum

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” (1,2,4) No.382

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38

OFFERATORY Mary Bellah
“Fugue” (arr. Lani Smith)

GOSPEL LESSON 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹² I have the freedom to do anything, but not everything is helpful. I have the freedom to do anything, but I won’t be controlled by anything. ¹³ Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food, and yet God will do away with both. The body isn’t for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. ¹⁴ God has raised the Lord and will raise us through his power. ¹⁵ Don’t you know that your bodies are parts of Christ? So then, should I take parts of Christ and make them a part of someone who is sleeping around? No way! ¹⁶ Don’t you know that anyone who is joined to someone who is sleeping around is one body with that person? The scripture says, *The two will become one flesh.* ¹⁷ The one who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

¹⁸ Avoid sexual immorality! Every sin that a person can do is committed outside the body, except those who engage in sexual immorality commit sin against their own bodies. ¹⁹ Or don’t you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you? Don’t you know that you have the Holy Spirit from God, and you don’t belong to yourselves? ²⁰ You have been bought and paid for, so honor God with your body.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

VIDEO HYMN "Who You Say I Am"

SERMON "Life Is Sacred" Rev. Fred C. Baum

*CLOSING HYMN "Lead On, O King Eternal" (1,3) No. 580

BENEDICTION (Unison) Rev. Fred Baum
"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in
Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

POSTLUDE "God with Us" (*Granville Smith*) Mary Bellah

All church services are live-streamed and recorded. CCLI #1030786 CCS #8841 CVLI #504149878

Thank you for joining us in the sanctuary or Livestream worship.

Go and live the lives of love God has given you!

Welcome to Our Visitors!!

**All visitors are invited and encouraged to explore
membership in Vista's Congregation.**

If you are interested in membership, please contact the church office
at 825-1985 and Pastor Fred or Valerie will call you.

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am
Visit our website: www.vistaumc.org**

Assisting Our Worship Today

Liturgist	Al Garcia
Audio & Video	Teresa Sanders. Slide show producer Marshall Sanders. House sound Pam Holder. Live stream sound Paul Oelrich. Live stream camera
Organist	Mary Bellah
Ushers	Marty Lenzini, Cliff Terry and Dan Boring
Flowers	given today by Leslie Hawkins in loving memory of her parents' January birthdays. Arrangement created by Janet Arnett

Compassion Connection

In Need of Continued Prayers for Healing

Marshall Sanders, Barry and Gale Shuman,
Kay Gragg, Fran Hampton, Steven Extract, Shane Gallo,
Bill Goins, Margaret Overman, Bob Sherman, Pete and
Karen Rice, Sharon and Howard Kaste,
Denny Iceman, Megan Spencer, Fred Winkler, Joe Young and John
Crown

Home Bound

John & Joan Davies, Bob & Eileen Herd,
Betty Jean Emberton and Sharon Poole.

In Memoriam

Alice Tompkins 01/09/2021

***The* UPPER ROOM**

HOPE IN SUFFERING

SUN
JAN 17
2021

READ Lamentations 3:19-26

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end.

— Lamentations 3:22 (NRSV)

I was devastated when the biopsy showed cancer in my left breast. I felt the weight of the world crashing down on me. I could not stop crying. What will I do? Who will take on my work responsibilities? Where will I get the money for the expensive treatment? In my mind I was questioning God, *Why me?*

But God showed me that nothing is impossible. Slowly, financial help poured in, and tremendous prayer support came from all over. My loving husband never left my side and nurtured me throughout the difficult period of chemotherapy and recovery. I had a competent and compassionate oncologist. Above all, God encouraged me every day without fail through the Bible and devotional readings.

Six years have passed, and my doctor has announced that I am now cancer-free. Through my diagnosis, treatment, and recovery I came to know for myself that God indeed never fails. God's promises are true. As I enter into retirement, I am excited to discover new avenues for service and to tell my story to inspire others.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I will share my story of God's faithfulness with someone today.

Prayer: God who heals, help us to express our gratitude to you by offering our lives to you for your purposes. Use us for your glory. Amen.

Bezalie Bautista Uc-Kung (Philippines) — See back cover.

Prayer Focus: WOMEN WITH CANCER

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Altar meaning and meditation:

We are entering the season of GREEN. The season after Epiphany is Ordinary Time.

It is bookended by two celebrations: Baptism of the Lord and the Transfiguration of Jesus on the last Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday (Feb 17 this year).

The purpose of this season it helps us to get ready for new commitments made for Lent.

Friendly Reminder for Flowers

For those who graciously supply flowers, we request all vases and baskets used in your arrangements be returned to the front office. Thank you!

**Thank you to all the volunteers braving cold mornings
at Vista!**

Your willingness to serve has been amazing and most appreciated. Thank you to all our reopening volunteers!

Thank
you 

Adult Education

Starting January 26th via Zoom, we will have a five-week course describing and discussing the choices Methodist churches will be making. For more information, go to the website: www.vistaumc.org and click on the Adult Education button.

Prayers for Our Churches

Each month churches in the South District pray with and for each other. Please pray for the pastors, congregation, and community of the following:

January

**St. Paul's UMC, Tucson
San Pedro Valley UMC, Benson
Trinity UMC, Bisbee**

And our sister church, Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta, Mexico.