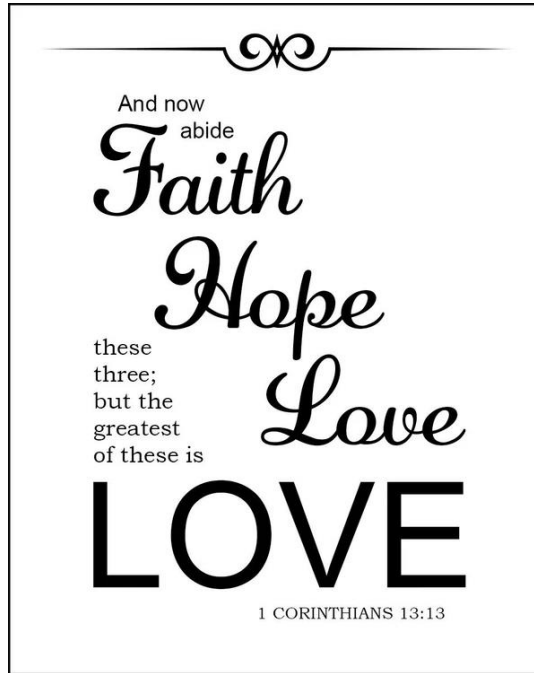


# Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Easter

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021



“Faith and Hope”

## **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.

# Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

*(Please email [vistaumc@aol.com](mailto: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

“Faith”

WELCOME & GREETING

Valerie Hammons

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Let us plead for faith alone, faith which by our works is shown;  
God it is who justifies, only faith the grace applies.  
Let us for this faith contend, sure salvation is the end;  
Heaven already is begun, everlasting life is won.  
Only let us persevere till we see our Lord appear,  
Never from the Rock remove, saved by faith which works by love.**

\*OPENING HYMN

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

No. 304

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostle’s Creed, Ecumenical Version

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

\*“Universal”

TIME WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NAMI STEP CHALLENGE

GOSPEL LESSON (NIV)

Matthew 8:23-27

<sup>23</sup> Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup> Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. <sup>25</sup> The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!”

<sup>26</sup> He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

<sup>27</sup> The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”

“And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.” ~ James 5:15

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER “My Jesus, I Love Thee” (1,2) No. 172

PASTORAL PRAYER Valerie Hammons

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 “My Jesus, I Love Thee” (3) No. 172

OFFERTORY “You Are the Light” (Tom Fettke) Mary Bellah

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ~ Rom. 15:5-6

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (NIV) Hebrews 11:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN “O Jesus, I Have Promised” (1,4) No. 396

SERMON “Faith and Hope” Jim Bless

\*CLOSING HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign” (1,3,5) No. 157

BENEDICTION (Unison) Jim Bless

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.** 2 Cor. 13:14

POSTLUDE Mary Bellah

“God of Grace and God of Glory” (arr. Paul Manz)

**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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## ***Assisting Our Worship Today***

Liturgist	Pete Schwartz
Acolyte	KaiKai Harwick
Audio & Video	Teresa Sanders: slide show producer and house sound Paul Oelrich: live stream camera Pam Holder: live stream audio
Organist	Mary Bellah
Ushers	Bill & Dixie Ayers
Volunteers	Al & Jacquie Garcia, Loni Degen, and Ron & Linda Olson
Flowers	Given by Ginny Howes In Loving Memory of Keith Howes

## ***Compassion Connection***

### ***In Need of Continued Prayers for Healing***

Marshall Sanders, Barry and Gale Shuman,  
Paul & Fran Hampton, Steven Extract, Frank Buck and Linda Gray  
Bill Goins, Margaret Overman, Bob Sherman, Alex Perakis  
Bill Gureck, Megan Spencer, Jackie Holden,  
Al Isaac, Suzanne Ewing, Frank Buck,  
Slim and Betty Crowson, Fern Salava

### ***Home Bound***

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

## ***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:

**April 2021**

**St. Mark's UMC, Tucson**

**Catalina UMC, Tucson**

**Campus Ministry U of A, Tucson**

**And**

**Our sister church, Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta, Mexico.**

# *Announcements*

## **SHEPARDS ARE CALLING**

Our “Shepherds” continue to make calls to their respective folks. If you haven’t received a call (especially new worshippers) and want to be contacted, please contact Robin Conner: 520-818-1177 or [robin.mikeconner@gmail.com](mailto:robin.mikeconner@gmail.com) or Pam Holder: 520-343-1225 [pholder45@gmail.com](mailto:pholder45@gmail.com) Thank you, Shepherds!!

## **FELLOWSHIP ZOOM TRAVEL FEST**

Save the Date: Zoom with us on **Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm!**

Come prepared to share your favorite place to vacation or where would you like to vacation that you have never been. Guest speaker will be Von Ceil Bless, our own Vista member/travel expert, who will share some latest traveling news, restrictions, exciting places to see!

The Zoom link for joining the fun will be emailed to everyone the day prior.

## **New Church Directory Coming This Summer**

Is that time again, where we update our church family photos and print a new Church Directory. Virginia Updegrave has graciously taken on the role of photographer and will begin taking pictures on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Watch the bulletin and/or your email for more information.

## **Church Email Address**

Please update your records to show our email address as [VistaUMC.org@gmail.com](mailto:VistaUMC.org@gmail.com) – thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

## **LOST & FOUND**

If you lost a set of keys (car & house) while attending the Easter services please call or email the church office to arrange a pick up time.

# The UPPER ROOM

SUN  
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## LET IT HAPPEN

READ Acts 16:6-15

*May the God of peace himself cause you to be completely dedicated to him.... The one who is calling you is faithful and will do this.*

-- I Thessalonians 5:23-24 (CEB)

I was excited to attend a conference in California. While praying about the trip, I sensed God preparing me to share the gospel with a passenger on my flight.

My seatmate was a woman named, Nadia who had been on a nine-month solo world tour. California was her last stop before she returned home to Australia. As we chatted over lunch, our conversation flowed naturally from one subject to

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Today I will share my faith when God opens the door.

another, and somehow the topic of faith arose. I didn't push; she didn't resist. It simply happened. I talked about Jesus and how important he is to me.

And like a rose unfolding its petals, Nadia opened her heart to him. We joined hands and prayed.

At the luggage carousel, the friends I was traveling with welcomed Nadia into God's family. Nadia and I hugged, and I encouraged her to read the Bible and, find a church back home.

It's in my nature to fuss over how events might unfold. But that day I learned that I don't have to push doors open; I can let God open them gently.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, when we worry about how we can share the good news with others, help us trust you to prepare the way. Amen.

Rose McCormick Brandon (Ontario, Canada)

