

# Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter

Mother's Day

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021



## “The Love of Separation”

### **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

“Brighter Days”

WELCOME & GREETING

Rev. Fred Baum

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

1 John 5:1-5

Leader: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God,

**People: and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.**

Leader: This is how we know that we love the children of God:

**People: by loving God and carrying out his commands.**

Leader: And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world.

**People: This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.**

Leader: Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

\*OPENING HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory” (1,3,4)

No. 577

\*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”

GOSPEL LESSON (NIV)

Acts 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup> for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just

as we have?” <sup>48</sup> So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

TIME WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

“Honoring Mothers”

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

No. 526

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (1,2)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Fred 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

No. 526

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (3)

OFFERTORY “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” (*arr. Lloyd Larson*)

*Mary Bellah & Donna Langwig*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (NRSV)

John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

“The Love of Separation”

Rev. Fred Baum

\*CLOSING HYMN

“Trust and Obey” (1,2,3)

No. 467

BENEDICTION (Unison)

Rev. Fred Baum

**We love because God first loved us. Go in the love and peace of God. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“This Little Light of Mine” (*arr. Raney/Hayes*)

*Mary Bellah & Donna Langwig*

## ***Prayers for Our Members & Visitors***

Please use a Prayer Card so we may give praises to God and/or lift up your concerns. See an usher for the Prayer Card.

## ***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, Karon & Boyd Carpenter  
Al Isaac, Suzanne Ewing, Slim and Betty Crowson, Allen Phillips  
Stuart Watkins

### ***Home Bound***

John & Joan Davies, Bob & Eileen Herd,  
Fern Salava, 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:

**May 2021**

Community UMC, Bowie  
Desert Skies UMC, Tucson  
Duncan UMC, Duncan

And

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

Happy  
100th  
Birthday,  
Jeanne Farnum!



## *Announcements*

### **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY COMING THIS SUMMER**

Its that time again, where we update our church family photos and print a new Church Directory. Virginia Updegrove has graciously taken on the role of photographer and will begin taking pictures on Sundays.

### **SHEPHERDS 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 Pam Holder: 520-343-1225 Thank you, Shepherds!!

### **MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1PM in the Elizabeth Room. See Dee Berman with questions.

### **PENTACOST SUNDAY MAY 23RD**

Join us in wearing RED to church on Sunday May 23rd - celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles. **Stick around after service so we can get a picture of everyone in RED.**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**IMPACT** needs volunteers in both their Clothing Bank and Food Bank in Catalina. Please contact Christina Micek, Volunteer Coordinator, at 825-0009 for more information. Please let Vista's Mission Team know if you respond to this request! Benith MacPherson - benithmac@aol.com - she is Vista's liaison for this mission project.

# *The* UPPER ROOM

## “WHY, GOD?”

Read Judges 2 Peter 1:12-19

*All who are led by the Spirit of God are Children of God.*

--Romans 8:14 (NRSV)

Sun  
May 9  
2021

Every morning before school and work, our family spends time together reading from the *The Upper Room*. We have done this since our son, now 10, started kindergarten. It gives us a positive way to start our day, and it helps us turn our focus toward Jesus.

We use the online edition of *The Upper Room*, so there have been a few times when we have experienced a flitch where our

screen displays only part of the day's devotion. When this occurs, my son and I will guess the rest of that day's message and what happened to writer. My son generally paints an uplifting picture of how he believes Jesus had a positive effect on the writer's life.

As Christian and we have clues to help us interpret God's Messages for us. The Bibles is our compass, explaining God's Gift of eternal life and salvation. And our church family, Bible study groups, and fellow believers are key witnesses to God's grace.

As a parent and as a Christian, it is my duty to make sure that God's message is not merely a story or words on paper by reflecting my faith through my actions. While each day has its challenges, the Holy Spirit has guided our family to become more like Jesus – obeying, forgiving, and loving together.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, guide us to use your living word as a testimony for others who are coming to know Christ. Amen.

**Melissa Yamaguchi** (Hawaii, USA)

**Prayer Focus:** THOSE TEACHING CHILDREN ABOUT GOD

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**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**  
I can help make God's word  
come alive for others.

**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	Bill Bellah
Acolyte	Roman Aguirre
Audio & Video	Teresa Sanders: slide show producer and house sound Pam Holder: live stream camera Paul Oelrich: live stream audio
Organist	Mary Bellah
Ushers	Cliff Terry, Louis Phillippi, Marty Lenzini, and Dennis Kimmel
Volunteers	Leslie Hawkins, Sandy Gureck, Loni Degen, and Ron & Linda Olson
Flowers	Given today by Barbara Rempel and Dana Belyea In Loving Memory of Doreen Busch Arrangement created by Janet Arnett