

Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 13th, 2021



“A Seedy Sermon”

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.org@gmail.com or text 520-349-9216 in your Celebrations and Concerns.

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

COUNTDOWN

“Vista’s Worship Flowers”

WELCOME & GREETING

Rev. Fred Baum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 147:1-7

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

Leader: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.

People: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Leader: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

People: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

Leader: The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

People: Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God.

*OPENING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

No. 369

*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”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (NIV)

1 Corinthians 3:5-15

⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who

plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. ¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Valerie Hammons

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

on screen

“Nearer, Still Nearer” (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

on screen

“Nearer, Still Nearer” (4)

OFFERTORY

Marilyn Rutkowski

Meditation on “Aurelia” (arr. Sarah Douglas)

GOSPEL LESSON (NIV)

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first

the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

VIDEO SING ALONG “How Great Is Our God”

SERMON “A Seedy Sermon” Rev. Fred Baum

*CLOSING HYMN “I Know Whom I Have Believed” (1,4) No. 714

BENEDICTION (Unison) Rev. Fred Baum

May the Lord bless you and keep you;

May the Lord smile upon you, and be gracious to you;

May the Lord lift up his face upon you, and give you peace.

POSTLUDE Marilyn Rutkowski

“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand” (*Adam Mason*)

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

Barry and Gale Shuman, Jan Springer, Paul & Fran Hampton, Steven Extract
Frank Buck, Bill Goins, Margaret Overman, Bob Sherman, Alex Perakis
Phil Preston, Bill Gureck, Megan Spencer, Karon & Boyd Carpenter, Al Isaac
Suzanne Ewing, Allen Phillips, Ben Sanders, Marv Rutkowski, Pat Bull
Ray Repinski, Roger Salava, Robin Connor, Sharon Scanlan, Larry Caber

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:

June 2021

Bishop & Staff of the Desert Southwest
Staff & Churches to the East District, North District and West District
And
Our sister church, Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta, Mexico.

Announcements

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays at 1:30 PM Starting June 10 St. Luke Room (Education
Building)

Questions / Register call Pastor Fred 520-825-1985 or
Gerry Alberts 520-975-3039

Announcements

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

Tuesdays 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM Starting June 8 Grades 1-12
Elizabeth Room (Education Building)
Questions or to register call Valerie Hammons 520-825-1985

AP SCHOOL SUPPLIES SPONSOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Thank you to the generous supporters that provided funds last summer to buy school supplies and backpacks for 151 preschool to technical/university students from our sister church in Agua Prieta, Mexico. Although this was a very difficult school year with online learning, Pastor Gela from Fuente de Vida Church is confident that the students will return to in person learning in August. Sponsors continuing to support their same student(s) should mail their check of \$25 per student by Sunday, June 20th. Any additional funds will be used to purchase hand sanitizer and facemasks. New sponsors and past sponsors whose student moved, may pick a new student in July. This Economic Development Program has performed miracles through the opportunity of an education leading to employment for the families from Fuente de Vida Church.

SUNDAY FLOWER CHART SIGN UPS

Would you kindly consider signing up for FLOWER DONATIONS. We have been blessed for the first portion of the year with donators for flowers, but we now have a few empty slots on our Flower Chart in the Narthex. If you find an occasion for which to celebrate (Birthdays, Anniversaries, In Honor of, In Memory of, or In Celebration of an Event) please let us help you announce it by ordering an arrangement to be displayed at the Altar on Sunday. Please call: Janet Arnett (719-323-4806 or the church office 520-825-1985) to sign up or sign up in the Narthex while you are attending church. The Arrangements are \$45

Dates yet open: July 18, July 25, Aug 1, Sept 26, Oct 17, Oct 31, & Nov 28.

MISSIONS MEETINGS JUNE & JULY

There will be no Missions Meetings in June & July – Please contact Dee Berman for more information.

WHAT IS A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Stephen Ministry is a ministry in our congregation in which trained and supervised laypeople, called Stephen Ministers, provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges.



Please Welcome Our New Members

ROBERT (BOB) and ANNE HILTON joined us on May 30. Bob was raised a Methodist and Anne, born in Seattle is from a long line of Lutheran Ministers. They both have extensive previous volunteer experience and are looking forward to participating in Vista's activities.

IAIN NOONAN has been attending Vista for many months. We are very happy he decided to be baptized and become a member of Vista. Iain is from England and has extensive background in the British Army. Iain has already joined our Landscaping Crew and is our local snake wrangler.

KIM and JOYCE LUCKMAN became members of Vista on May 30. They are from Oregon and Joyce has been retired for 1 month and is loving it. They come to us from the United Methodist Church of Bend and are ready to be active at Vista. Welcome Kim and Joyce!

REVEREND JAMES (JIM) LUBACH and KAY BARBER transferred their membership from Mesquite UMC in Nevada where Pastor Jim was head pastor. He brings over 50 years of ministerial experience. Kay was born in St Louis and is looking forward to serving with Jim at Vista.

RAY REPINSKI has been attending Vista for many years. Ray has been a great help with our church, landscaping and general needs. We are happy to have Ray as a member of Vista Church.

*Please reach out and introduce yourself to
our fabulous new members!*



**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 520-825-1985 and Pastor Fred or Valerie will call you.

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am
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Assisting Our Worship Today

Liturgist	John Witt
Acolyte	Roman Aguirre
Audio & Video	Teresa Sanders: slide show producer and house sound Paul Oelrich: live stream camera Bill Daniels: live stream audio
Organist	Marilyn Rutkowski
Ushers	Cliff Terry, Craig & Benith McPherson, Leo Smith
Volunteers	Al & Jacquie Garcia, Joyce Holman, and Loni Degen given by Bill & Dixie Ayers celebrating their 63 rd Wedding Anniversary
Flowers	Arrangement created by Jill Spiva