

Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church  
Rev. Fred Baum

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022



“The Kingdom: Invited and Challenged”

**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](mailto:vistaumc.org@gmail.com) or text 520-349-9216 with your Celebrations and Concerns. These will be read and prayed for during the Pastoral Prayer.)

COUNTDOWN

Watercolor Countdown

WELCOME & GREETING

Rev. Fred Baum

\*OPENING HYMN

“Seek Ye First” (vs. 1-2)

No. 405

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19:1-4, 7-8, 10

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**People: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.**

Leader: They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

**People: Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

**People: The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

**All: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:6-10

<sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Peggy Jo Harwick

INVITATION TO PRAYER

“Make Way, Make Way” (vs.1)

No. 3044

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God! Amen!**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Fred Baum

## PRAYER RESPONSE

“Make Way, Make Way” (vs.2)

No. 3044

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Al (George) & Kathleen Smith

## OFFERTORY

A Calm Retreat (*James J Bell*)

Marilyn Rutkowski

## \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 95

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

<sup>4</sup>“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

<sup>5</sup>“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. <sup>6</sup>The rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

<sup>8</sup>“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. <sup>9</sup>So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet

anyone you find.’ <sup>10</sup> So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup> He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

<sup>13</sup> “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

<sup>14</sup> “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “God is Here Today” (*arr. Tome Trenney Choristers Guild*)

SERMON “The Kingdom: Invited and Challenged” Rev. Fred Baum

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

HYMNS FOR RECEIVING

“There is a Fountain” 622

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” 629

\*CLOSING HYMN “Christ for the World We Sing” (*vs. 1-4*) 568

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Fred C. Baum

\*BENEDICTION “This is the Day” 657

POSTLUDE “Life Everlasting” (*David Paxton*) Marilyn Rutkowski

Sermon Notes:

The King is God.

The Son is Jesus Christ.

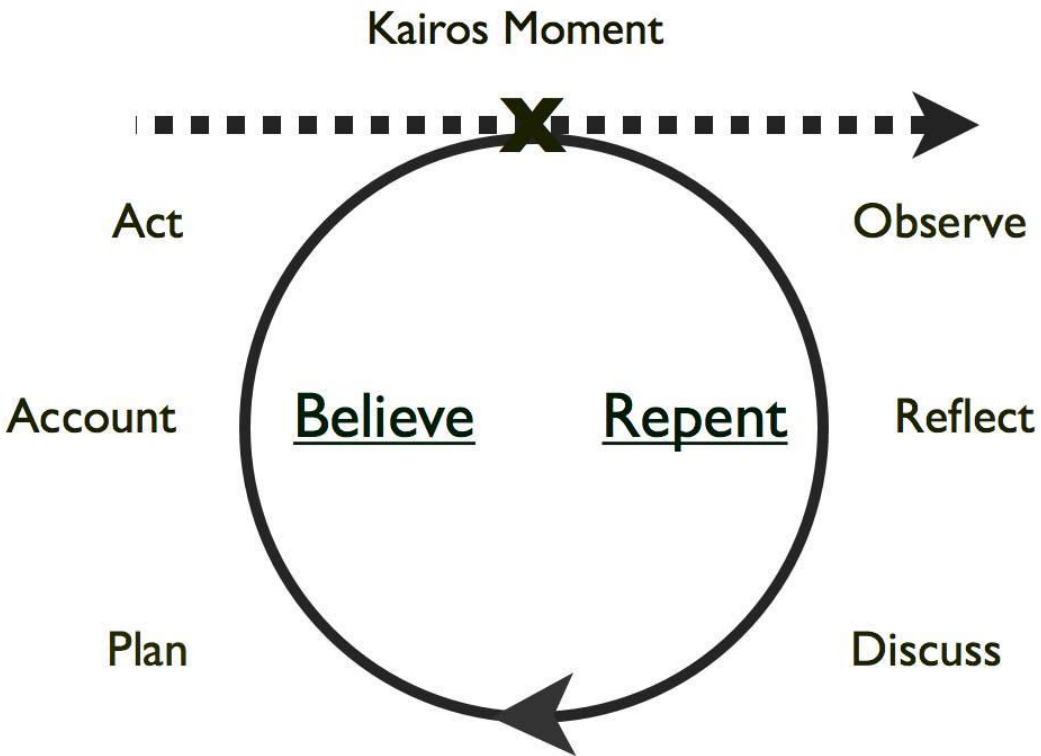
The 'wedding banquet' is the 'heavenly banquet' that we are all invited to at the end of time.

The King's 1<sup>st</sup> set of servants are the Old Testament Prophets that get killed and mistreated.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> set of servants are the New Testament Apostles, preachers and evangelist.

Those 1<sup>st</sup> invited are the Israelites who refuse the invitation to God and then in time to God as revealed in Jesus Christ.

The "Good and Bad" of verses 9 & 10 that are invited in off the streets; they are us!



*Welcome to Vista UMC*

Thank you for joining us during worship today, masks are optional.

## *Prayers for Our Members & Guests*

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

## *Compassion Connection*

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

Edna Alligood, Dana Belyea, Orland Burbey, Dottie-Lou Colby, Dorothy Conner, Jan Crown,  
Dr. Chuck Crown, Slim Crowson, Steven Extract, Nancy Fowler, Kay Gragg, Bill Gureck,  
Fran & Paul Hampton, Jim Holman, Stephen McCotter, Paul Oelrich, Margaret Overman,  
Allen Phillips, Karen Rice, Marv Rupe, Barry Shuman, Meagan Spencer, Marilyn Waldo, Cheryl Watts

### *Home Bound*

John Davies, Bob & Eileen Herd, Don & Betty Little

## *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:

### **August 2022**

New Hope UMC, Tucson    Sierra Vista UMC    St James UMC, Tucson  
St. Francis in the Foothills UMC, Tucson  
and Our sister church, Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta, Mexico.

## **Announcements**

**STEPHEN MINISTERS** are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the need persists.

The care receiver initiates the relationship by calling the Stephen Leader (or church office) to begin the process. A person cannot request a Stephen Minister for another person.

Stephen ministry is totally confidential – please don't call the office asking about someone's Stephen Minister. The office does not have the information nor will the Stephen Leader release it.

**FELLOWSHIP AFTER CHURCH** Join us after service today for a cold drink and fellowship with your friends at Vista! Cookies donations are still needed. See Anne Hilton.

**HOSPITALS NO LONGER CALL YOUR CHURCH!** If you are in the hospital or know of someone in the hospital, please give us a call so we can add you to the prayer list. We count on you to give us this information when needed.

**ENDOWMENT** Have you received an inheritance? If so, consider gifting part of the inheritance to Vista's endowment, in memory of the loved one who remembered you. You can make this gift now or in your estate plan.

## **Connect & Grow 2022**

# Opportunities

**VISTAS 90 YEARS PLUS BIRTHDAY** - Are you turning 90 years in 2022? If so, you are eligible to join the " VISTA 90 YEARS PLUS BIRTHDAY CLUB" !! There is no cost to join. It is a club that honors you on **Sunday, Sept. 18th at 10 AM**. Please contact Delores Brindle for more info or the church office at 520-825-1985.

**HELP NEEDED - LANDSCAPING** Our fabulous team of landscaping volunteers is in need of more volunteers on Thursday mornings from 7-9 AM. Join them for coffee, donuts and light to medium work. Thank you for helping our campus be a beautiful part of this desert.

## Connect & Grow 2022

### Vista UMC Calendar for this week . . . .

Day	Events
<b>This Sunday 08.07</b>	10:00 AM Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
	10:15 AM Child/Youth Sunday School – Education Building
	11:10 AM <b>NEW Directory Photos – Sanctuary – V Updegrave</b>
	11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – St Matthew Room – L Whittington
<b>Monday 08.08</b>	
<b>Tuesday 08.09</b>	
<b>Wednesday 08.10</b>	10:00 AM Summer Book Study Special – Elizabeth Room
<b>Thursday 08.11</b>	7:00 AM Landscaping Crew – L Smith
	10:00 AM Women’s Lectionary – by Zoom – D Boring
<b>Friday 08.12</b>	
<b>Saturday 08.13</b>	3:00 PM Suzanne Ewing Memorial Service – Sanctuary
<b>Next Sunday 08.14</b>	10:00 AM Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
	10:15 AM Child/Youth Sunday School – Education Building
	11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – St Matthew Room – L Whittington

**Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9AM – 5PM (closed 12-1 for lunch)**

**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 & Guests!!**

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

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

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

Liturgist: Anne Groth

Flowers: Donated by Howard and Mary Lou Young  
in Joyous Celebration of their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Arranged by Lue Satterfield)

Thank you to ALL the volunteers that made this service possible.

### ***Staff***

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