

Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

Rev. Fred Baum

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Thanksgiving

November 19th, 2023



“Thanks”

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.org@gmail.com or text 520.349.9216 with your Celebrations and Concerns. These will be read and prayed for during the Pastoral Prayer.)

*Please stand as you are able.

COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP

“Thanksgiving Scriptures”

WELCOME

Rev. Fred C. Baum

*OPENING HYMN

“We Gather Together”

No. 131

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

People: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

People: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*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 universal church of Christ, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; ⁸ a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹ a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws, and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵ He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶ He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

TIME WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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INVITATION TO PRAYER

“For the Beauty of the Earth” vs. 3

No. 92

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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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.

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

“Amen, Amen”

Chancel Choir

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Mary Bellah and Donna Langwig

Arr. Mark Hayes, c. 2012 Lorenz Publishing

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Come, Ye Thankful People” vs. 2

No. 694

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Handbell Choir

arr. Dan R. Edwards c. 2014 St. James Music Press

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 7:39-49

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.”

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.”

“Tell me, teacher,” he said.

⁴¹ “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

⁴³ Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God

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

SERMON	“Thanks”	Rev. Fred C. Baum
*RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE	“Doxology” “Count Your Blessings”	No. 95 On Screen
*CLOSING HYMN	“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”	No. 664
POSTLUDE	“Give Thanks Unto God” W. L. Ashford c 1965. Lorenz Publishing	Mary Bellah
STEPHEN MINSTER		Dottie McIntyre

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PARENTING **READ HOSEA 11:1-4**

God Said, 'I led [Ephraim] with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.'

Hosea 11:4 (NRSVUE)

I recall how excited my husband and I were when our sons took their first faltering steps as we led them by the hand. I also recall messy mealtimes, as we fed our infant sons, with food ending up on our sons' bibs, on the floor and on us. My husband and I enjoyed being fully involved in parenting.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God parents me with
love very day.

In today's reading from Hosea, God is fully involved in parenting the Israelites. I envision God as a loving parent teaching Israel to walk, lifting them up in an embrace, and bending down to feed them.

What a beautiful and powerful image of our Parent God. We are God's children, and God continually nurtures us with grace and mercy, just as a loving parent does. When we stumble, God is there to pick us up and guide us. God leads us with cords of kindness and bands of love, embraces us, and feeds us lovingly and patiently.

The role of a parent never stops, even after the children have become adults and left home. Like human parents, our Parent God keeps guiding and directing us no matter how old we get. Let us be grateful children!

Prayer: Thank you, God for parenting us always. Help us turn to you as our main source of love and care. Amen.

Rita Hays (Tennessee, USA)

Prayer Focus: PARENTS AND CHILDREN

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Prayers for Our Members & Guests

Please complete a Prayer Card so we may give praises to God and/or to lift up your concerns.

COMPASSION CONNECTION

In Need of Continued Prayers for Healing

Orland Burbey, Paul Arnett, Jan Crown, Steven Extract, Alexis Extract, Kay Gragg, Bill Gureck, Fran Hampton, Peggy Hoeft, Pam Holder, Jim and Joyce Holman, Margaret Overman, Allen and Barbara Phillips, Diane Podlasek, Tricia Pohnert, Sharon Poole, Art Schweitzer, Milt and Jan Bukes, Dillis and Linda Ward, Charlotte De Windt, John Witt, Howard and MaryLou Young and Eileen Cavender

Home Bound

Florence Duckett, Bob and Eileen Herd, Barbara Horton, Don and Betty Little, Walt Roberson, Pete Rice and Dr. Chuck Crown

Hospice Care

Rev. John Davies, Marilyn Waldo and Mattie Landrum

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:

November 2023

UMC of the Good Shepherd - Kearny; UMC of Green Valley; Willcox UMC; and our sister church, Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta, Mexico.

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 the Membership Coordinator will contact you.

Assisting Our Worship Today

Flowers donated by Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church
In Honor of Pastor Fred C. Baum and Deede Baum
Arranged by Pam Kravitz

Liturgist: Jim Galka

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

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DECEMBER 17, 2023

ON TO NEW ADVENTURES!
HAPPY RETIREMENT POTLUCK
FOR PASTOR FRED

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11:00 AM (AFTER SERVICE)
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