

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM



Rev. Mary Dotson, Lead Pastor

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(Closed for lunch between 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm)

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Welcome/Announcements

Pastor Mary

Prelude

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Mary Bellah

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***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: We are tempted to believe we aren't good enough,

People: But God has called us "Beloved."

Liturgist: We are tempted to believe that we should accept the ways of the world,

People: But Christ has shown us The Way, and the Truth, and the Life.

Liturgist: We are tempted to believe that others should conform to our ways,

People: But the Spirit has shown us that God has called all people to be the Beloved Community.

Liturgist: We are tempted to fall in line and live according to worldly measures of success,

People: Come, join the way of God, shown to us by Christ, and follow the movement of the Spirit into new life. Come, worship God, who leads us into life.

***Opening Hymn**

This is My Father's World (verses 1,3)

UMH #144

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 91:1-2,9-16

Liturgist

Response Song

Give Me Jesus

See Below

In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,

give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
you may have all this world,
give me Jesus.

Time With Young Christians Pastor Mary

Special Music *I'm Redeemed* Mixed Quartet

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Jim Nelson, Gene Bywater, Mary and Bill Bellah

Gospel Reading Luke 9:28-43 Liturgist

Liturgist: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message *Draw Near to God: Resisting Temptation* Pastor Mary

Response Song *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (verse 1) UMH #521

Intercessory Prayer Liturgist

The Lord's Prayer (Said by all) On Screen

Offering

Invitation to the Offering Pastor Mary

Offertory Music *In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)* Mary Bellah

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***Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

***Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Mary

***Closing Hymn** *I Know Whom I Have Believed* (verse 1,2,3) UMH #714

***Benediction** Pastor Mary

Postlude *Dona Nobis* Mary Bellah

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**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Liturgist Anne Groth

Stephen Minister Louise O'Donald

Flowers given by Howard Young in Memory of his wife Mary Lou.

All church services are live-streamed and recorded.

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Our Mission at Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and to reach out to others, help them, welcome them into our family of faith as we gather for worship, fellowship, education, and service.

Compassion Connection

In Need of Continued Prayers for Healing

Eileen Carender, Loni Degen, Edith (Edey) Gallaher, Kay Gragg, Bob Hendrickson, Bob & Eileen Herd, Ken & Sharon Hunt, Betty Little, Margaret Overman, Allen & Barbara Phillips, Art Schweitzer, Jan Springer, and Carol Wilson.

Home Bound

John & Jan Crown, Bill Gureck, Fran Hampton, Ken & Diane Podlasek, Sharon Poole, and Walt & Mary Louise Roberson.

Prayers for Comfort

For the family of Dana Belyea. Dana passed away January 25. His service will be on April 12, 10:00 AM, at Vista UMC.

For the family of Kathleen Bauder. Kathleen passed away December 8.

For the family of Connie Haines. Connie passed away February 17.

For the family of Florence Duckett. Florence passed away February 25.

For the family of Jane Hendrickson. Jane passed away February 26.

Prayers for our South District Churches

Each month churches in the South District pray with and for each other. This month we pray for the pastors, congregation, and community of the following:

El Mesias UMC, Nogales

First UMC, Bisbee

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

How to contribute to the offering if online:

1. Open the camera app on your cell phone.
2. Focus the camera on the QR code by gently tapping the code as it appears on your camera.
3. Tap on the yellow button—myvanco.com
4. Fill in the card, amount, etc.



Thank you for your donation!

Vista UMC Weekly Calendar

Day	Event
Sunday 3-9-25	10:00 AM - Worship - Sanctuary
	10:15 AM - Child/Youth Sunday School - Ed. Building
	11:15 AM - Adult Bible Sunday - St. Matthew Room
Monday 3-10-25	
Tuesday 3-11-25	
Wednesday 3-12-25	10:00 AM - Adult Bible Study - Elizabeth Room
	11:00 AM - Bell Practice - Sanctuary
	1:00 PM - Vocal Ensemble Practice - Sanctuary
Thursday 3-13-25	8:00 AM - Landscaping Team meet at church
	10:00 AM - Women's lectionary - Zoom
Friday 3-14-25	
Saturday 3-15-25	

Upcoming Events

4-12-25 Dana Belyea's Memorial

4-13-25 Palm Sunday

4-13-25 United Women of Faith Easter Bake Sale

4-18-25 Good Friday

4-20-25 Easter Sunday

Opportunities to Connect, Serve & Support

March Communion offering and loose change Sunday (3-30-25) will go to Creative Hands.

Our church provides the money for fabrics, thread, elastic, patterns, and Vista's label for each item of children's clothing that is made. Creative Hands supports Impact, Family First Pregnancy Center and the Barnabas Project (A military family).

Impact Food Needs for March—Impact would appreciate more diced tomatoes. They need 800 cans per month. Needless to say, any shelf stable food items are most welcome!

The Adult Sunday School Lenten Series begins Today at 11:30 in the Elizabeth Room:

Why Easter Matters, a DVD series by Andy Stanley. Join us at 11:30 after worship in the St Matthew room. See Dottie Lou Colby if you have any questions.

Adult Christian Education- Lenten Study

10:00 am Wednesdays beginning **March 9 - April 9 in the Elizabeth Room**

Join us as we consider the Lenten themes of Justice, poverty, freedom, and love. The 4 .

We will compare/contrast the story of Christ's last days as found in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Our guide will be **Matt Rawle's book The Final Days**, as well as the accompanying DVD.

We're Hiring: Choir Director, Hand Bell Choir Director, and Media/Tech Manager. If you or someone you know feels called to one of these part-time jobs, please send an email indicating your interest along with your resume to pastor@vistaUMC.org.

Agua Prieta greeting cards are available for 50¢ each in the library.

Complimentary Prayer Beads are available in the Narthex and the Library.

Upper Room prices have increased!

Upper Room booklets are still available in the Narthex and the Church office at an increased price of \$5.00 for regular print and \$10.00 for large print. **It is FREE to sign up for a daily devotional email at Upperroom.org.**

A wheelchair is available during services in the Narthex.

Donation needed

Golf Cart



The church is looking for a gently used electric golf cart to help guests with limited mobility into the sanctuary.

Breathe in the Breath of God

Breathe in the breath of God

Breathe out your cares and concerns

Breathe in the love of God

Breathe out your doubts and despairs

Breathe in the life of God

Breathe out your fears and frustrations

Sit quietly before the One who gives life and love to all creation,

Sit in awe of the One who formed us in our mother's wombs

Sit at peace surrounded by the One who fills every fiber of our being

Breathe in the breath of God

Breathe out your tensions and turmoil

Breathe in the love of God

Breathe out your haste and hurry

Breathe in the life of God

Breathe out your work and worry

Sit quietly before the One who gives life and love to all creation,

Sit in awe of the One who formed us in our mother's wombs

Sit at peace surrounded by the One who fills every fiber of our being

Go in the peace and love Jesus, the Christ

Amen.

The Psalm of the Day

Psalm 91:1-2,9-16

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them. O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.