

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

10:00 AM

Love Wins, Love Always Wins



Rev. Mary Dotson, Lead Pastor

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Church Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
(Closed for lunch between 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm)

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Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

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Tucson, Arizona 85739

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

Christ Is Risen

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Pastor Mary

Bell Choir

Vocal Ensemble

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Darkness gives way to light;

People: **Christ is Risen!**

Liturgist: Violence gives way to love;

People: **Christ is Risen!**

Liturgist: Despair gives way to hope;

People: **Christ is Risen!**

Liturgist: Death gives way to life;

People: **Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!**

***Opening Hymn**

Christ the Lord is Risen (verses 1,3,4)

UMH #302

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

Liturgist

Response Song

Easter is Dawning

(tune: Morning has Broken)

Easter is dawning, Shadows revealing

Beams of God's light, tombstone wide-hurled.

Light brought from darkness, joy from the sorrow

Hail resurrection, claiming the world.

Time With Young Christians

Pastor Mary

Special Music

There Is a Higher Throne

Vocal Ensemble

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Gospel Reading

John 20: 1-18

Liturgist

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message

Love Wins, Love Always Wins

Pastor Mary

Response Song

Easter is Dawning

(tune: Morning has Broken)

Spread forth the good news, Jesus is risen!

Graves linens folded, angels declare,

"Death has been vanquished, life is eternal."

New hope is springing, fresh everywhere.

Intercessory Prayer

Liturgist

The Lord's Prayer (Said by all)

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Offering

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Mary

Offertory Music

Hallelujah, What a Savior

Mary Bellah

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***Doxology**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Mary

***Closing Hymn**

HE Lives (verses 1,3)

UMH #310

***Benediction**

Pastor Mary

Postlude

Alleluia!

Mary Bellah

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**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Liturgist

Jan Millard

Stephen Minister

Lisa Richardson

The Flowers in the Narthex are provided by Lou and Nancy Phillippi in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary. Arranged by Diane Coleman.

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, Edith (Edey) Gallaher, Kay Gragg, Margaret Overman, and Carol Wilson.

Home Bound

Rev. Alan & Kathy Campbell, Bill Gureck, Fran Hampton, Ken & Diane Podlasek, Sharon Poole and Karen Prokop.

Prayers for Comfort

For the Family of Leonore (Loni) Degen. Loni passed away April 14. Service information will follow.

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 4-20-25 Easter	9:00 AM - Vocal Ensemble & Bells meet in Sanctuary
	Echoes Articles are Due
	10:00 AM -Easter Sunday Service - Sanctuary
	10:15 AM - Child/Youth Sunday School - Ed. Building
	11:15 AM - Adult Bible Sunday - St. Matthew Room
Monday 4.21-25	
Tuesday 4-22-25	
Wednesday 4-23-25	11:00 AM - Bell Practice - Sanctuary
	1:00 PM - Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Thursday 4-24-25	8:00 AM - Landscaping Team meet at church
	10:00 AM - Women's lectionary - Zoom
Friday 4-25-25	
Saturday 4-26-25	

Coming Events

5-4-25 SaddleBrooke Winds and Strings Concert at Vista
 5-11-25 Mother's Day
 5-26-25 Memorial Day

Opportunities to Connect, Serve & Support

Impact Food Needs for April - Impact would appreciate canned fruits and vegetables! Needless to say, any shelf stable food items are most welcome!

Adult Christian Education: Starting Wednesdays May 7, at 10:00 AM

The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi by Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel

Are you ready to begin your journey to a deeper faith? In this six-week video study we will visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Galilee, the Mount of Olives, and Jerusalem. Kathie Lee Gifford and Jason Sobel, a Messianic Jewish Rabbi, will lead us on a journey through the spiritual foundations of our faith. On this journey, we'll explore ancient landmarks and historical sites throughout Israel. We'll dig deeper into the Bible by exploring the original languages and deeper meanings of the Holy Scriptures.

Join us for this six-week study May 7-June 11 in the Elizabeth Room. Tour the Holy Land with us as we experience the world of the Bible and explore the roots of our faith.

Facilitators: Jim and Linda Galka

Week 1 Bethlehem: Where it all began

Week 2 Nazareth: The Early Years

Week 3 Capernaum: Ministry Headquarters

Week 4 Galilee: Ministry Grounds

Week 5 Mount of Olives: The Triumphal Entry

Week 6 Jerusalem: Crucifixion and Resurrection

HELP WANTED: We need someone to lead the **Welcome** Committee. The person or couple would schedule greeters to occupy the welcome table weekly, create and maintain welcome bags/kits, work with the pastor regarding new membership. Contact the office if interested.

A Reminder: Get approval from Trustee Chair before donating items to the Church. **It is church policy,** that you need approval prior to storing or collecting items at the church.

Dinner for six "end of the year party" will be on Sunday April 27, from 3-5:00 PM at Pete and Sandy Schwartz' home. Please call Sandy to reserve – and tell her what you will bring (Appetizers or Dessert). Pulled Pork Sliders and Beverages will be provided.

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.

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

The Psalm of the Day
Psalm 118:1-2,19-29, This Psalm is Passover praise Psalm.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.