

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

10:00 AM

Which Parade Would You Attend?



Rev. Mary Dotson, Lead Pastor

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome/Announcements

Pastor Mary

Prelude

Open the Gates of the Temple

Mary Bellah

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***Call to Worship**

Liturgist:

Children of God, Rejoice! Sing out in celebration, God's people!
Your King is coming to you, humble, riding on a donkey, on a
donkey's foal.

People:

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes
in the Lord's name. Glory to God! Hosanna**

***Opening Hymn**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

UMH #280

Opening Prayer

Liturgist:

God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts.

People:

From hope to despair to hope again.

Liturgist: As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd,
People: **help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake.**

Liturgist: As the story unfolds,
People: **open us to both the hope and the pain.**

Liturgist: In this time of worship,
People: **prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.**

Psalm of the Day Psalm 32 Liturgist
Response Song *He Has Made Me Glad* FWS #2270

Time With Young Christians Pastor Mary
Special Music *I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked* Soloist
 Geoffrey O'Hara © 1937 G. Schirmer, Inc. Bill Bellah

Gospel Reading Luke 19:28-40 Liturgist
Liturgist: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Message *Which Parade Would You Attend?* Pastor Mary
Response Song *All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Refrain)* UMH #280

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

Reception of new members: Paula Vogel and Rick Vogel

Offering

Invitation to the Offering Pastor Mary

Offertory Music *The 'King of Kings' Theme* Mary Bellah

Miklos Rozsa © 1951, 1965 Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer

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

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***Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Mary

***Closing Hymn** *Lily of the Valley* FWS #2062

***Benediction** Pastor Mary

Postlude *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* Mary Bellah

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**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Liturgist

Stephen Minister

Marilyn Rutkoski

Joyce Luckman

Flowers provided by the floral team. Diane Coleman arranged a white and palm arrangement for Palm Sunday.

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, Margaret Overman, and Carol Wilson.

Home Bound

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

Marsha Hartz is at Casa Adobes Post Acute Rehab Center 1919 W. Medical St, Tucson AZ 85704

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!

Pastor Mary F. Dotson

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ;

through the sacrament of baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

God's Spirit has been poured out upon water,

water poured over and immersing us,

water that flows freely for all who will receive it,

water from the streams of God's saving power and justice,

water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,

water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Today I joyfully present Rich and Paula Vogel for membership.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

To the candidates:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you in the presence of God and this congregation

renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness

and reject the evil powers of this world,

and repent of your sins?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you

to resist evil, injustice, and oppression

in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,

put your whole trust in his grace,

and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all people.

I do.

To members of the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,
Reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround them with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others

by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Receiving into Membership

Pastor: As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will.

Commendation

Members of the household of God,

I commend these persons to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase their faith,

Confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you

and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you

in the body of Christ

and in this congregation

of the United Methodist Church,

we renew our covenant

faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church

by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness,

that in everything God may be glorified

through Jesus Christ. AMEN

About Paula & Rick Vogel

Paula & Rick moved to Saddlebrooke in 2016 from Portland, Oregon, where they lived for 35 years and were members of LOUMC in Lake Oswego, Oregon

Rick grew up in Ohio; he worked for 24 years as a VP in institutional investments for Wells Fargo Bank. Paula grew up in Wisconsin; she ended her career leading marketing and corporate relations projects for Adec, an international dental equipment manufacturer.

Paula continues to volunteer on two dental foundation boards, and also enjoys fitness activities as well as golf, travel, reading and bridge.

Rick enjoys international travel, fly-fishing, golf, and photography.

They have a daughter and son-in-law and two grandchildren in Portland, Oregon

Vista UMC Weekly Calendar

Day	Event
Sunday 4-13-25	9:00:00 AM - Vista Women of Faith Bakesale
	10:00 AM - Worship - Sanctuary
	10:15 AM - Child/Youth Sunday School - Ed. Building
	11:15 AM - Adult Bible Sunday - St. Matthew Room
Monday 4-14-25	
Tuesday 4-15-25	9:30 AM - Vista Women Of Faith - Elizabeth Room
	2:00 AM- Finance Meeting - St. Matthews Room
	3:00:00 PM - Church Council St. Matthews Room
Wednesday 4-16-25	11:00 AM - Bell Practice - Sanctuary
	1:00 PM - Choir Practice - Sanctuary
	1:00 PM - Stephen Minister Meeting - St. Matthew Room
Thursday 4-17-25	10:00 AM - Women's lectionary - Zoom
	2:30 PM - Bible Study/Discussion - St. Matthews
	5:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service - Elizabeth Room
Friday 4-18-25	Good Friday Self-Paced Stations of the Cross Walk. Information available at the beginning of the walk.
Saturday 4-19-25	

Upcoming Events

4-17-25 Maundy Thursday Services in the Elizabeth Room 5PM

4-18-25 Good Friday-walk through Stations of the Cross

4-20-25 Easter Sunday

Opportunities to Connect, Serve & Support

United Women of Faith Bake Sale today before and after church on the Patio. Buy your Easter Baked goods today.

This year we will commemorate Maundy Thursday with a light supper of soup and bread. We will meet around tables, wash our hands, give thanks and enjoy a meal of soup and bread. We will hear the story as written in the Gospels. We will learn once more that brokenness is shown to be the integral component of what it is to love deeply, as we follow the story of the events of Jesus' Last Supper. We will hear again that we are not the ones who need to look for Love because Love comes looking for us, especially in our brokenness and sorrow. This dinner will be a celebration of Love. It is a celebration of the beauty of being together. It is a breaking and sharing of food and of our lives. I hope you will join us for this meaningful time on **April 17 at 5:00 PM in the Elizabeth Room. Sign-up is available on the Patio or by calling the church office, 520-825-1985**

Church landscape cleanup Day: Saturday, April 19, at 8:00 AM.

Everyone is welcome to come and help. Please wear protective clothing (hats, sunscreen, gloves, close-toed shoes). Bring tools if you have them: garden sheers, rakes, brooms, square shovels, buckets to put debris in. We will provide garbage bags and drinking water. Our goal is to clean the parking lot of weeds, plant debris and loose sand. Clean the front landscape of dead plant debris and weeds. Rake the area between the two buildings of small rocks. Trim new growth from ground up to 6 feet above ground.

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

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

Adult Christian Education: Wednesdays 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.

Please note, per church policy, 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.

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.