

Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018



¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: Exodus 3:14-15

“I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life”

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 stand as you are comfortable**

(Please write your Celebrations and Concerns in the Prayer Book on the stand in the back of the Sanctuary. These will be read and prayed for during the Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations.)

COUNTDOWN & PRELUDE

“Chorale” (J. C. Bach)

“Who Am I”
Marilyn Rutkowski

WELCOME & GREETING

Rev. Fred Baum

*OPENING HYMN “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

No. 89

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 143:7-10

Leader: Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails.

People: Do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

Leader: Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust.

People: Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Leader: Save me, O Lord, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge.

People: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

All: Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.

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

*“Universal”

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

Shirley Miller

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

No. 472

“Near to the Heart of God” (1,2,3)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Jon Leonard

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Rev. Fred Baum

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.

RESPONSE

“Near to the Heart of God” (4)

No. 472

OFFERING

“In Thee Do I Trust” (*Susanna Keeney*)

Marilyn Rutkowski

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

TRURO

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Fred Baum

ANTHEM “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” (*Carl Mueller*) Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who

believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “I AM the Way, the Truth, And the Life” Rev. Fred Baum

*CLOSING HYMN “Lead on O King Eternal” No. 580

STEPHEN MINISTER Lila Homan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION Rev. Fred Baum

*RESPONSE “The Day of Resurrection” (3) No. 303

POSTLUDE Marilyn Rutkowski

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (*Lani Smith*)

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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:

September 2018

St. Francis in the Foothills UMC, Tucson

St. James UMC, Tucson

St. Paul’s UMC, Tucson

Fuente de Vida (our sister church in Agua Prieta, Mexico)

UPPER ROOM

WHERE WE ARE

SUN
SEPT 16

READ Jeremiah 29:12-14

2018

*When you search for me, you will find me;
if you seek me with all your heart.*

— Jeremiah 29:13 (NRSV)

My prayer life shifted when my husband, Zeke, and I had three children in four years. I learned to pray while washing dishes and on my way to the store. Most of those prayers were as simple as, “Help!” and faithfully, God heard each one of them. Even simple prayers are powerful because God meets us where we are.

I can see this in the life of Susanna Wesley, who raised 19 children. Two of those children were John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church, and Charles Wesley, a powerful evangelist and amazing hymn writer. Living in the 1600s, Susanna homeschooled, cooked, and did everything in between. But Susanna was determined to include time with God in her busy schedule. The same God who met Susanna in her busy life will meet each of us wherever we are.

Even someone who has never experienced little kids running around the house daily knows what it is to live a hectic life. No matter how busy our schedules, God knows where we are and can meet us there through prayer. God cares about what concerns us and wants to hear about what’s filling our hearts and minds — right now. Each day, we can all resolve to set aside some time to connect with God through prayer.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
God is near me — “a very present help” (Ps. 46:1, KJV) every day.

Prayer: Loving God, thank you for listening to our prayers. As we search for you, may we be enveloped by your amazing love. Amen.

Cintia Listenbee (Texas) — See p. 21.

Prayer Focus: MOTHERS OF SMALL CHILDREN 23

Information Available in the Narthex

Upper Room Devotionals,
Care Notes (provided by Stephen Ministry)
2018 Flower Calendar

Information from Other Groups and Committees at Vista UMC,
and Offering Envelopes (if requested)

If you requested a name tag from Vista, please check with the greeters.

Assisting Our Worship Today

Acolyte	AJ Hernandez
Liturgist	Jon Leonard
Greeters	Ted & Joyce LaFleur
Welcome Desk	Nancy Fowler and Linda Gray
Ushers	Leslie Hawkins, Norm Williams, Betty Jacob, and Dennis Kimmel
Children's Moment	Shirley Miller
Audio & Video	Teresa Sanders, Nancy Yob & the Live Stream Team
Snacks	Alice & Giff Tompkins and Delores Brindle Come and enjoy the good things that Alice & Giff have brought and the goodies that other folks have brought and left for us to enjoy.
Hospitality Partners	Alice & Giff Tompkins & Delores Brindle
Coffee	Don & Pat Smith
Flowers	Jim & Joyce Holman's 46 th Anniversary and children Cliff & Julie Savage's 18 th Anniversary.
Floral Arrangements	by Janet Arnett
Stephen Minister(s)	Lila Homan
Sunday Lock-up	Gene Curtis

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Pastor	Rev. Fred C. Baum
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Accompanists	Mary Bellah, Marilyn Rutkowski, Donna Langwig
Office Managers	Pat Johnson & Pam Holder
Director of Vocal Seniority	Bill Bellah
Bell Choir Director	Shannon Casey
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Building Committee	Ken Zebal
Lay Leader	Jim Bleess
Evangelism	Donna Boring
Fellowship	Barbara Sherman
Finance Chair	Sharon Scanlan
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Preparing to Serve

Learn, Grow, and Serve by Becoming a Stephen Minister

Do you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening? If so, please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church will be training another class of Stephen Ministers beginning in January 2019. Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual support and care to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. To find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister or how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Karen Rice (520) 370-6408 or you may call the church office to speak to Leader Valerie Hammons or talk to any of our Stephen Ministers.