

Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018



“As We Are Able!” Buildings in the Bible Series

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 Joys and Concerns in the Prayer Book on the stand by the center aisle.
These will be read and prayed for during the Sharing Concerns and Celebrations.)*

COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP “Unmerited Favor”

WELCOME & GREETING Rev. Fred Baum

PRELUDE “Fugue in C Major” (*John Horman*) Mary Bellah

INTROIT Chancel Choir
“Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing” (*Gordon Young*)

*OPENING HYMN “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (*1,3,4,5*) No. 160

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100 No. 821

*CONFESSSION OF FAITH FROM ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord! Thanks be to God! Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Nehemiah 3:1-7

¹Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place, building as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and as far as the Tower of Hananel. ²The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them. ³The Fish Gate was rebuilt by the sons of Hassenaah. They laid its beams and put its doors and bolts and bars in place. ⁴Meremoth son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz, repaired the next section. Next to him Meshullam son of Berekiah, the son of Meshezabel, made repairs, and next to him Zadok son of Baana also made repairs. ⁵The next section was repaired by the men of Tekoa, but their nobles would not put their shoulders to the work under their supervisors. ⁶The Jeshanah Gate was repaired by Joiada son of

Paseah and Meshullam son of Besodeiah. They laid its beams and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place. ⁷ Next to them, repairs were made by men from Gibeon and Mizpah—Melatiah of Gibeon and Jadon of Meronoth—places under the authority of the governor of Trans-Euphrates.

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

Valerie Hammons

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

Chancel Choir

“Close to Thee” (*arr. Sanders*)

PASTORAL PRAYER

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Rev. Fred Baum

SILENT PRAYER

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.

IN RESPONSE

“It Is Well” (*1,4*)

No. 377

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON CONTINUED

Nehemiah 3:8-14

⁸ Uzziel son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired the next section; and Hananiah, one of the perfume-makers, made repairs next to that. They restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. ⁹ Rephaiah son of Hur, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section. ¹⁰ Adjoining this, Jedaiah son of Harumaph made repairs opposite his house, and Hattush son of Hashabneiah made repairs next to him. ¹¹ Malkijah son of Harim and Hasshub son of Pahath-Moab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens. ¹² Shallum son of Hallohesh, ruler of a half-district of Jerusalem, repaired the next section with the help of his daughters. ¹³ The Valley Gate was repaired by Hanun and the residents of Zanoah. They rebuilt it and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place. They also repaired a thousand cubits⁽⁹⁾ of the wall as far as the Dung Gate. ¹⁴ The Dung Gate was repaired by Malkijah son of Rekab, ruler of the district of Beth Hakkerem. He rebuilt it and put its doors with their bolts and bars in place.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM	“Psalm 150” (<i>Louis Lewandowski</i>)	Chancel Choir
SERMON	“As We Are Able!”	Rev. Fred Baum
NEW MEMBERS	Bernie & Diane (Linda) Mann	
OFFERING	“The Perfect Gift” (<i>Donald Moore</i>) “Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” ~ 1 Corinthians 12:7	Mary Bellah
*DOXOLOGY	“The Solid Rock”	No. 368
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Rev. Fred Baum
*CLOSING HYMN	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (<i>1,3,4</i>)	No. 384
STEPHEN MINISTER		Sharon Kaste
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
BENEDICTION		Rev. Fred Baum
RESPONSE	“For Thine Is the Kingdom” (<i>arr. Sanders</i>)	Chancel Choir
POSTLUDE	“Maestoso” (<i>E. Heyser</i>)	Mary Bellah

Vista welcomes our new members today!

Bernie and Diane Mann come from a UMC in Canon City, Colorado as Affiliate Members. Bernie has spent many years as a choir director and they both love the Vista Choir! They have a large family and we are very happy to have them join us. Please welcome our new members to our church family when you see them!

---- Vista’s Evangelism Team

Welcome to Our Visitors

All visitors are invited and encouraged to explore membership in Vista's
Congregation.

If you are interested in membership, please contact the church office at 825-1985 and
Pastor Fred or Valerie will call you.

Assisting Our Worship Today

Acolyte	Logan White
Liturgist	Linda Whittington
Greeters	Bill & Dixie Ayers
Welcome Desk	Liz & Ken Zebal
Ushers	Boyd Carpenter, Marty Linzini, Gene Curtis & Paul Miller
Children's Moment	Valerie Hammons
Audio & Video	Teresa Sanders, Nancy Yob & the Live Stream Team
Snacks	Nancy & Lou Phillippi, Don & Pat Reykdal-Smith
Hospitality Partners	Nancy & Lou Phillippi, Don & Pat Reykdal-Smith
Coffee	Robin Conner
Flowers	Linda Triboulet celebrating her husband, Dick's 75 th birthday
Stephen Minister(s)	Sharon Kaste
Sunday Lock-up	Gene Curtis

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (March 25th)

Chancel Choir Lenten Presentation
"Who Do You Say That I Am" (*Larson*)

Holy Thursday (March 29th)

3:00 PM & 7:00 PM Communion Service

Good Friday (March 30th)

7:00 PM Service of Darkness

Easter Sunday (April 1st)

Sunrise Service—6:30 AM

Easter Brunch—7:30 AM

Worship Services — 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM (Easter Egg Hunt)

THE

UPPER ROOM

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

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2018**

READ Psalm 46:1-11

Be still, and know that I am God.

— Psalm 46:10 (NIV)

Within a period of ten months, 11 family members, friends, and a work associate had died. My 14-year-old cousin had been killed while crossing the street at night. And my 23-year-old niece, who had just won her battle with leukemia, died from an unrelated cause. My heart ached as I tried to reach out to the parents of those who had died while also dealing with my own grief.

How can I find peace in the midst of loss and troubling times? This question ran through my mind often as I searched the scriptures for solace. Over and over I was drawn to Psalm 46:10. As I continued to read this psalm, I realized that my hope is not in this world but in God and God's promises. Time and again, I'm encouraged to let God be my refuge and strength, a helper in my times of trouble.

As Jesus was getting ready to leave his disciples, he told them to take courage because he was going to prepare a place for them and was also leaving them his peace. His was a peace that is not found in this world. As we go to God with thanksgivings and petitions, we have God's promise of a peace that passes all our understanding. (See Phil. 4:7.) God's peace is a deep, abiding peace in times of trouble and grief.

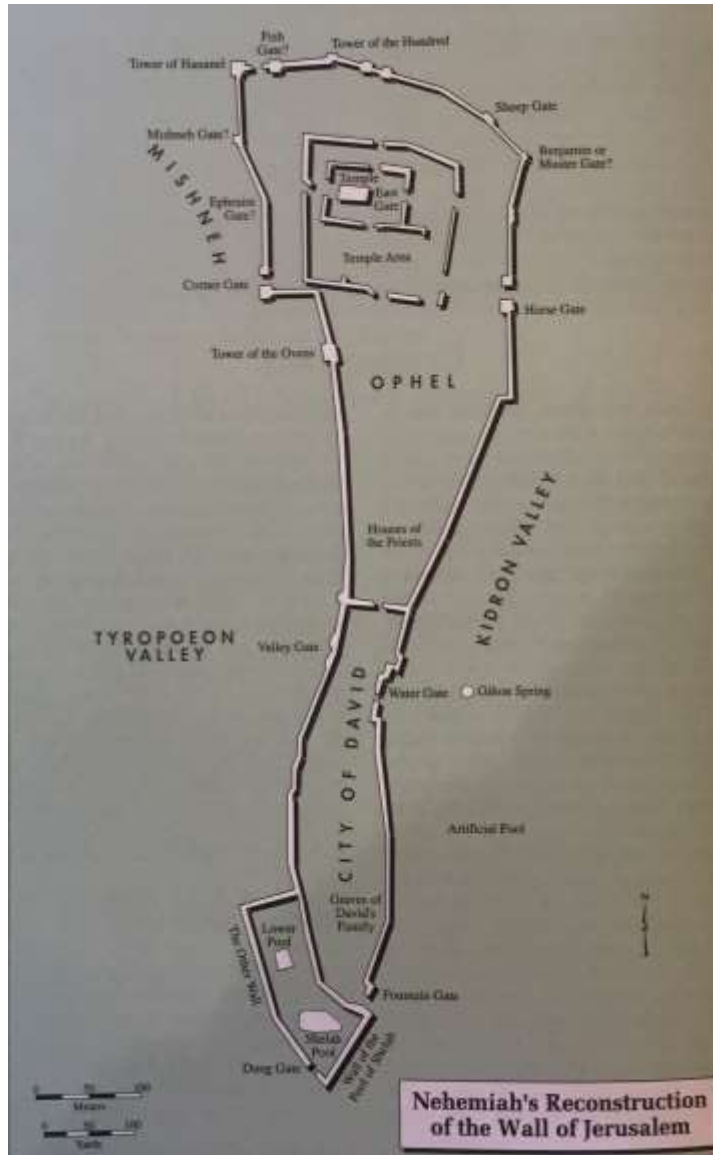
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
God is my source of peace
in troubling times.

Prayer: Father God, thank you for being our place of refuge and our strength during troubling times. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Jodi C. Czabajszi (Texas)

Prayer Focus: SOMEONE LIVING WITH LEUKEMIA 17

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74 ideas for Vista Online! It's all about relationships!

Were you unable to attend the Satellite Fellowship luncheon last month? Were you there and wondering about all the ideas that we generated? Please visit Vista's website and click on the Satellite Fellowship section. There you will find the following documents:

- February 11 Satellite Fellowship Luncheon PowerPoint
- Making Small Group Ministries Accessible to People Viewing from Afar
- Getting Involved
- Detailed Timeline

The PowerPoint explains what we are and are not doing with this ministry. You will also find a list of the 74 ideas – WOW – that everyone suggested to help make our small group ministries accessible to people who are watching our live stream. There is also information about how you can get involved. Finally, the timeline of what we are doing is there for you to review. This is a work in progress and will remain flexible, but we are using it to guide our steps and trying to stick to it as much as possible.

At last month's luncheon we generated 74 ideas on how to make the ministries of our small groups available to people who cannot actually come to our church building. How cool is that! Now each of the small groups is asked to choose 1 or 2 of these ideas to actually make happen so they can be shared on our website in a few months. The prayer shawl ministry has already started to take photos of prayer shawls that they make. They will eventually post these to a section on our website with the instructions on how to make each one. That way, if people watching our live stream want to participate in this ministry, they can find a shawl they like, click on the pattern, and make it! Then they can mail it to Vista to be blessed with all of the other prayer shawls that have been completed. So if you are recovering from surgery and can't come to church for several weeks, you can still participate. If you live in Virginia, watch our service online and would like to be part of this ministry, you can!

The ideas that were generated are all about beginning to create relationships between our online viewers and the people here at Vista. It's a new way of thinking about what it means to belong to a church. When we decide to join a church, we promise to participate with our presence, our prayers, our time/talent, and our money. So how do people who want to be part of Vista do these things if they are watching online? How do they move from being spectators to participants? How do we get to know each other? These small group ideas are the first step to making this happen.

At the luncheon, many of you signed up to be part of different aspects of this ministry. Thank you so much! We will be in touch with you as we begin to implement the activity you were interested in. For those of you who have not yet seen these opportunities, please review the Getting Involved document on our website and email Gale Hall at vistagale@gmail.com to let us know what you are interested in – or to ask questions. We are taking the first steps in helping live stream viewers move from being spectators to partners!

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