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## United Methodist Church of Vista

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### Bulletin

September 11, 2016

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

Back to Church Sunday

**God's Call and Our Commitment:**

*To be an authentic, accessible and inclusive community in Christ,  
celebrating and extending God's love into the world.*

#### **SILENT MEDITATION**

"The soul lives contented by listening..." -David Whyte

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#### **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

*"Joy in the Morning" (Lani Smith)*

-Brenda Foss

**WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Rev. Frank Hallock

**BLESSING OF THE ACOLYTES**

**INTROIT**

*"Praise the Lord"*

-Chancel Choir

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We praise you for being the kind of God who finds us when we are lost.

**People: We praise you for being the kind of God who redeems us when we sing.**

Leader: We praise you for being the kind of God who restores us when we are broken.

**People: Thank you for sending Jesus, who lived and taught and died that we might have life. Amen.**

#### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

-UMH 57

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Isaiah 11:1-9 in the Old Testament*

-Barbara Mitchell

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us,

**People: Praise be to God.**

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF BECKIE HENSELMEIER**

-SPRC



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### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### COMMUNITY PRAYER

God of the Cross, and God of All Creation, you bless us with your goodness even now. We remember today the pain of terrorist attacks from 15 years ago. We are humbled by the pain and suffering of our world. We pray for our National family and know that we are not alone in this experience of hate. Redeem us Dear God and call us close to you once more. Use our memory of crumbling buildings to remind us that when temples fall, you have the power of resurrection. You have the power to make all things new through Jesus' love. Make us new as a united people and bless our tomorrows with healing. We pray all this in the name of our Risen Lord. Amen.

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**      *"Behold a Broken World"* -UMH 426, Vs. 1-2, 5-6

#### SILENT PRAYER

*During this time, we lift up our nation and all those who experienced the tragedy of September 11, 2001.*

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### LORD'S PRAYER

-UMH 895

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.

**ANTHEM**                      *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"* (Runyan/Courtney)                      -Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** 2 Cor. 5:15-21; Rev. 11:15 in the New Testament   -Barbara Mitchell

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**THE MESSAGE**      *"We Believe: In the Reign of Jesus"*   -Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw



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### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**SPECIAL DEDICATION OF THE ARK WINDOW**

-Trustees

**OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory**      *“Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen”* (Robert W. Thygeson) -Brenda Foss

**\*Doxology**      *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*      -UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,  
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**God of wisdom, we are grateful that your Son Jesus calls even us his friend. He warns us to watch out for all kinds of greed. We struggle to remember that true life does not come from an abundance of possessions. Turn us away from seeking our own gain and mindlessly increasing our possessions. Empower us by your Spirit to be more generous toward you. Use these offerings to fulfill your purposes. We pray through Christ, our Savior and Friend. Amen.**

### GOING FORTH

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**      *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*      -UMH 240

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      *“Come My Soul”* (Terry Osman) (Based on Haydn)      -Brenda Foss

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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Today: Video Tech: Philip Biggs; Sound Tech: Beth Brainerd Hallock; and Acolyte(s): TBA

*Flowers on the altar are given by Dakota Koenig  
in memory of her mother, Dorothy Mattes.*

*Flowers today are in honor of Tommy Thomson's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
We celebrate Tommy and look forward to many more years!*