

The Upper Room Group will not meet on May 1 and 8. They will resume on May 15.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Ruth Landmann

Our **Ushers:** Jane and Steve Green

Our **Tech Team:** Carolyn Collins

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Jane and Steve Green

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Debbie and Marty Mason

This Week:

Tuesday, 4/30: Alive Now 10 AM, Habitat sack lunches 11:15 AM

Wednesday, 5/1: Village Santa Cruz 1 PM

Thursday, 5/2: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM

Friday, 5/3: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Monday, 5/6: PACT 10 AM

Sunday, 5/12: Mother's Day

You are invited to join our Prayer Team. The Prayer Team receives a weekly email with prayer requests. To join the Prayer Team or submit a prayer request, contact the church office.

Online giving is available. Go to aptosumc.org and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or scan this code using your smartphone.



APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 28, 2024 ~ 10 AM Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Aptos UMC is an inclusive community that welcomes and encourages full participation of ALL PERSONS, regardless of race, culture, age, economic circumstance, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical/mental abilities. We affirm our denomination's motto, "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"



We Bear Fruit
HOW SHALL WE LOVE WORSHIP SERIES

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Please join us for our

80th Anniversary

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.

We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.

When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.

Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another. Amen.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

For all the blessings of this life, we give thanks to You, Creator God. For families, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and strangers, who nurture us, that the love of God may grow within. That Your love, your Word, like a seed, may grow to produce in us, good fruit. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn #397

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Children’s Time

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read, and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture

John 15:1-8 NRSVue

Sermon

“We Bear Fruit”

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #2076

“O Blessed Spring”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Merciful One, you know when we are afraid to love. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Imbue us with a love so strong, with such growth toward perfection, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology #94 **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn #2150

“Lord, Be Glorified”

Benediction

John 15:1-8 NRSVue

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.