

Next weekend is Pledge Dedication Sunday. Church members and constituents are encouraged to pledge to financially support Aptos UMC in 2026. Through our gifts of time, talents, and financial support, we build our legacy of service to one another and to God. Pledge cards are available today if you did not receive one or have misplaced yours.

Copies of the November/December edition of **The Upper Room** devotional are available today and in the office.

Worship Assistant sign ups (usher, liturgist, coffee volunteer, altar flowers) are available in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Mike Sampson

Our **Usher:** Lee MacDonell

Our **Tech Team:** Carolyn Collins, Roger Swenson

Our **Coffee Volunteer:** Kathleen Hoaglund

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Greg and Paula Phipps

Special thanks to the **Mixed Quartet** (*Helene Milner, Peggy Kaysen, Bill Fennell, Dick Wood*) for our Special Music today!

This Week:

Tuesday, 10/28: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Thursday, 10/30: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM

Friday, 10/31: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Sunday, 11/2: **All Saints Sunday, Pledge Dedication Sunday, Daylight Saving Time ends**

Monday, 11/3: PACT 10 AM

Wednesday, 11/5: Village Santa Cruz 1 PM

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

October 26, 2025 ~ 10 AM Worship

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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"



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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship

Praise is due to you, O God;

and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, you remind us that all our religious practices are not worth anything if we use them to try to bend you to our way. May we come to you in humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and to turn toward you. Accept us as your sons and daughters, together with Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord for ever. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #351 **“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”**

Stewardship Moment Jillian Holmberg

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

Luke 18:9-14

Sermon

“Humble Faith”

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #354

“I Surrender All”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Lord God in heaven, we confess that we try to measure our faithfulness by comparing ourselves with others. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.

Forgive us O God where we fail to see your Spirit’s work in others, and in those who have lived before us. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.

Forgive us for choosing comfort and convenience over faithfulness. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.

Passing of the Peace

Special Music “How Shall We Greet Him?” Mixed Quartet
words by Terry W. York, music by Michael Barrett

Offering

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn #364

“Because He Lives”

Benediction

Postlude

Luke 18:9-14 NRSVue

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”