

APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 19, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship

Third Sunday of Easter

Today is Native American Ministries Sunday. Native American Ministries Sunday is more than just an offering—it's a movement to support Native American communities in The United Methodist Church. Your gifts help fund scholarships for Native American students pursuing ordained or licensed ministry, ensuring that Native voices continue to lead and serve in the church. Additionally, 50% of all donations stay within our conference to support local Native ministries.

Articles for the May issue of *The Tide* are due. Please email your information to office@aptosumc.org.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Cailan Darling

Our **Ushers:** Jane and Steve Green

Our **Tech Team:** Carolyn Collins

Our **Coffee Volunteer:** Kathleen Hoaglund

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Lee MacDonell in honor of Joe's birthday

Special thanks to the **Mixed Quartet** (*Helene Milner, Peggy Kaysen, Bill Fennell, Dick Wood*) for sharing their talents with us today!

This Week:

Monday, 4/20: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 4/21: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Friday, 4/24: Scott Group 10 AM

Aptos UMC sends out a weekly email blast on Saturdays. If you would like to be added to the email list, contact the office at office@aptosumc.org. *If you've given us your email address and aren't receiving the emails, please check your junk or spam folder.*

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.



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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship

Family of God, when we feel afraid and pressed in on every side...

The Spirit protects and advocates for us.

When the world's problems seem too big to solve, and we don't know how to do the next right thing...

The Spirit comforts and strengthens us.

When we need wisdom to know what is ours to do and the courage to act...

The Spirit counsels and empowers us.

Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

Today, we call once again on the Holy Spirit to empower us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Merciful God, who is more than we can ever imagine, give us a wider vision of the world; give us a broader view of justice; give us dreams of peace that are not defined by boundaries of geography or race or religion, or by the limitations of worldly structures and systems. Open our hearts and our minds that wherever we go, we may know your voice calling us by name; calling us to serve, calling us to share, calling us to praise, so that we never give up on the promise of your kingdom, where the world is transformed, and all can enjoy life in all its fullness. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #314

“In The Garden”

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

Colossians 2:6-10

Sermon

“Disciples Empowered by the Holy Spirit” Pastor Gabe

Hymn #2117 (v1,2,3)

“Spirit of God”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

God of gentle rains and warm sun, God who encourages growth, **we are creatures who sometimes grow quickly, and sometimes get stuck.**

God of freedom, of liberation, of binding ropes being cut, **we are bound in ways we don't always understand or recognize.**

God of exodus and exile and homecoming, God who calls us to leave where we are and come home,

help us to have the courage to make the journey and to trust in the path.

God of health and healing, God, who wants us to be made whole, **we come as people who are wounded in body and in spirit, people who seek healing.**

God, who has laid out a way for us to live, who has given us rules for living in community,

we come as people who sometimes go astray, people who stretch the rules.

God of Grace, we come as people who live through that Grace.

And so, we praise you for the growth, we rejoice in being set free, we dance along the path that leads us home, we give thanks for the healing we have received, we relax in the knowledge that we are forgiven, and we live as people of Grace. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Special Music

“Gonna Lay My Burden Down”

Mixed Quartet

arr. Jay Rouse

Miracle Sunday Video Testimony

Offering

Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn #2117 (v4,5)

“Spirit of God”

Benediction

Postlude

Colossians 2:6-10 NRSVue

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.