

APTOS

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 11, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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We will once again be putting together a slideshow for All Saints Sunday on November 1. If you would like to have a photo of your loved one(s) who have passed away recently, please email your digital photo, along with their name and their relationship to you, by this Thursday, October 15 to the church office. If you have submitted a picture in the past, we still have those on file. Please just let us know their name so we can pull up the old file. Please keep your photos to 1 MB, and at least 350x350ppi (ish).

Our Stewardship Pledge Campaign continues through November 1.

Church members and constituents are encouraged to pledge to financially support Aptos UMC in 2027. Through our gifts of time, talents, and financial support, we build our legacy of service to one another and to God.

Third quarter giving statements are available for pick up after worship today.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Susan Weeks

Our **Usher:** Tammy Philbin

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

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Debbie and Marty Mason

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

This Week:

Monday, 10/12: **Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day ~ Office Closed**

Tuesday, 10/13: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Friday, 10/16: **Tide Deadline**, Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Monday, 10/19: PACT 10 AM

Wednesday, 10/21: Book Club 1:30PM (*The Things We Never Say* by Elizabeth Strout)

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.*

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



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.

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship

Beloved, God’s never-ending love spills out all around us, drawing us together in beloved community with God, neighbor, and all creation.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God’s always-present grace surrounds us, enlivening us to love ourselves and our neighbors just as Christ loves us.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God’s persistent peace sweeps through us, guarding our hearts and empowering us to live as agents of God’s mercy and justice wherever we go.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

May our rejoicing overflow into our families, neighborhoods, and the whole earth that through our living, working, resting, and playing, God may be glorified.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we gather in your presence this morning because we need your strength to keep moving forward. You know the burdens we carry, the worries that weigh on our hearts, and the moments when the road ahead looks a little too steep. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us today. As we worship, quiet our anxious thoughts and fill us with your steadfast peace that passes all understanding. Help us to press on in faith, fixing our eyes on you, and finding our true joy in your never-ending love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #98

“To God Be the Glory”

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

Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon

“Rejoice in the Lord”

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #2068

“I Love You, Lord”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, you call us to rejoice in you always, yet we confess that we so easily let the worries and frustrations of this world steal our joy. We harbor anxious thoughts, we struggle to dwell on what is true and honorable, and too often we let conflicts divide us rather than seeking your reconciling grace. Forgive us, Lord, when we rely on our own strength instead of yours. Cleanse our hearts, calm our spirits, and lead us back to your peace. In your mercy, renew a right spirit within us, so that we may walk in your ways with grateful and joyful hearts. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Stewardship Moment

Keri Swenson

Offering

Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn #657

“This Is the Day”

Benediction

Postlude

Philippians 4:1-9 NRSVue

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.