

Closing Hymn #302 (v1,4) "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Benediction

Postlude

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All are invited to a special Easter coffee hour after worship today.

It's the first Sunday of the month and that means **Equal Exchange Fair Trade coffee and chocolate** are available for purchase today in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Jillian Holmberg

Our **Usher:** Peggy Kaysen

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

Our **Coffee Volunteer:** Keri Swenson

Special thanks to the **Choir** (*Dick Wood, Bill Fennell, Helene Milner, Jillian Holmberg, Ruth Landmann, Peggy Kaysen, Lee MacDonell, Aubrey Dettman, Pastor Gabe, Laurel Blaney*) for sharing their talents with us today!

This Week:

Monday, 4/6: PACT 10 AM

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

Wednesday, 4/8: Finance 5:15 PM

Friday, 4/10: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Wednesday, 4/15: Book Club 1:30 PM (*The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans)

Sunday, 4/19: Native American Ministries Sunday

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.



APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 5, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship

Easter Sunday

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

Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

God has transformed a dead end into a new start!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prelude

Flowering of the Easter Cross

Opening Prayer

God our Father, by raising Christ your Son, you conquered the power of death and opened to us the way of eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #304 “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

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 Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon “A New Start” Pastor Gabe

Hymn #310 “He Lives”

Holy Baptism UMH 39-43

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

O God, still creating, we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and we are skeptical. We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse. The past will keep us guilty, the future will make us afraid, and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do. Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow. Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care; through Christ, we pray. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Special Music “Easter Carol” Choir
words adapted by Jean Anne Shafferman, arr. by Patti Drennan

Offering

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right... ..with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you... ..as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here... ..now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion



Matthew 28:1-10 NRSVue

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Easter Flowers

Given by:

Erin Bie
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Teresa Fehr
Pat Files
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In Honor/Memory Of:

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Bob
Betty & Frank Coy
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Salkeld Family, Parents
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Our Parents
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Mildred McCoy,
Grandparents Walter & Helen
McCoy and Sara & Gerald
Enslin

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Winifred Cox
My Parent
Ralph Wheaton
Lois Neidhart
Our Family & Friends who
have passed
Ken McElroy, Susie
DiGirolamo
Our Parents
Families of Evans &
Oringderff

Easter Flowers

Given by:

Tammy Philbin
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Joyce Rodgers
Mike & Sue Sampson
Anne Scott
Kate Sutherland
Roger & Keri Swenson
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Jenna Wafford
Jean Williams
Martha Williams

Dick Wood
Louise Yarnall
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In Honor/Memory Of:

Don Fields, Kitty Fields
Don Phipps
Our Families
My Children
Our Parents
David Scott, My Family
Sister Judith Muzio
Our Parents

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My Mother, Aunt Peggy
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