

Today is United Methodist Student Day. Contributions support scholarships for United Methodist students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees, serving as a practical expression of support, providing both financial assistance and spiritual encouragement.

As we do every year, Aptos UMC will host a booth at the Santa Cruz Pride Festival, which this year is the 50th anniversary and will take place on Sunday, June 1. Volunteers are needed to sit at the booth at some point during the day, help with the set up and take down of the booth, and donate baked goods for our *free bake sale*. Sign up sheets are available today. Contact Boyd or Helene if you have questions.

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

Book Club meets this Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Youth Room. This month's selection is *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Marion Proffitt

Our **Usher:** Jillian Holmberg

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

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Jeanne Grimes, Carol Williamson

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Carol Williamson

Special thanks to the **Aptos UMC Choir** (*Cathy Grettum, Dick Wood, Bill Fennell, Helene Milner, Jillian Holmberg, Ruth Landmann, Peggy Kaysen*) for sharing their talents with us today!

This Week:

Monday, 5/19: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 5/20: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Wednesday, 5/21: Book Club 1:30 PM, Finance 5:15 PM

Thursday, 5/22: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM

Friday, 5/23: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Monday, 5/26: **Memorial Day ~ Office Closed**

Saturday, 5/31: **Jane Harvey Memorial Service 11 AM, AFC Shelter Meal**

Sunday 6/1: Santa Cruz Pride Festival

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

May 18, 2025 ~ 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"



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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and spoke for peace.

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and spoke for justice.

In the beginning was the Dream.

And the Dream was with God and longed for love.

We come to worship the God of the Dream in a spirit of peace, justice, and love, longing to glimpse the promise of a holy dwelling place for all creation.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Ever-dreaming God, come to us now, in this time, opening our imaginations to your promise for us, in us, and in all you have made. We pray in the name of your Dream made flesh, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn #2223 (v1,2,3) **“They’ll Know We Are Christians”**

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

Revelation 21:1-6

Sermon

“A New World”

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #726 (v1,5,4)

“O Holy City, Seen of John”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that the cries of the needy often go unheeded in our blur of activities which sap our energy, our resources, and our spirits. Remind us that we are responsible for the care of this world, for reaching out and offering your healing love to all in need. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Special Music

“My Song for Life”

Choir

Pepper Choplin

Offering

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn #706

“Soon and Very Soon”

Benediction

Postlude

Revelation 21:1-6 NRSVue

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.