

## Today is UMCOR Sunday

On UMCOR Sunday, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support The United Methodist Committee on Relief, an organization that acts on our behalf when there is a crisis. This allows for 100% of gifts given in response to disasters to assist with the disaster. UMCOR can do this because the funds we receive on this special Sunday join with those of millions of other United Methodists to help cover the costs of doing business. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly when disaster strikes.

**Articles for the April issue of The Tide are due.** Please email your information to [office@aptosumc.org](mailto:office@aptosumc.org).

## Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Anne Scott  
Our **Ushers:** Margie Jurach, Bob Grimes  
Our **Tech Team:** Carolyn Collins  
Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Hiroshi & Hiroko Goto  
Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Anne Scott in honor of UMCOR

## This Week:

Tuesday, 3/21: Alive Now 10 AM  
Wednesday, 3/22: Upper Room Group 7 PM  
Thursday, 3/23: Senior Stretch 11 AM, Bell Choir  
Rehearsal 3 PM  
Friday, 3/24: Scott Group 10 AM

## Coming Up:

Monday, 3/27: PACT 10 AM  
Sunday, 4/2: **Palm Sunday Worship 10 AM**  
Friday, 4/7: **Good Friday Worship 12 PM Noon**  
Sunday, 4/9: **Easter Sunday Worship 10 AM**

**Online giving is available.** Go to [aptosumc.org](http://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.

# APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**March 19, 2023 ~ 10 AM Worship**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ UMCOR 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*

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures.

**God, remind us today to pause and see your mercy and goodness.**

The Lord leads me beside the still waters.

**In the midst of storms, offer us moments of calm.**

The Lord prepares a table before me.

**There is more than enough to share with our neighbors.**

The Lord anoints my head with oil.

**God, restore our souls so that we can be agents of your mercy and goodness.**

### *Prelude*

#### *Opening Prayer*

**Restorative Shepherd, you bring comfort to those experiencing disaster. You lead us beside still water. As we gather in the house of the Lord, prepare the table for us. Anoint us to share your good news of mercy and goodness with all those we encounter. We gather with thanksgiving this UMCOR Sunday and all the days of our lives. Amen.**

*Hymn #381*                      **“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

### *Announcements*

### *Children’s Time*

### *Passing of the Peace*

### *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*                      Psalm 23

*Sermon*                      “In the Presence”                      Pastor Gabe

*Hymn #369*                      **“Blessed Assurance”**

### *Prayers of the People*

#### *Confession and Pardon*

**O God of miracles and mighty deeds, we acknowledge your healing and comforting presence in our lives. We confess that we have been drawn in by materialism and driven by consumerism. Open our hearts to a new way of being. Send your anointing and grant us fresh insight for spiritual breakthroughs. Shine the light of your truth into our relationships and grant us victory over every secret and shame. We thank you in advance for healings and renewals in our lives. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

#### *Offering*

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

#### *Prayer of Dedication*

#### *The Lord’s Prayer*

*Closing Hymn #2146*                      **“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”**

#### *Benediction*

#### *Postlude*

## Psalm 23 NRSVUE

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.