

Book Club

The Book Club meets this Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This month's book is *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finley Boylan. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Sheila Vaughn

Our **Ushers:** Jane & Steve Green

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

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

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Keri & Roger Swenson

This Week:

Monday, 3/13: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 3/14: Alive Now 10 AM

Wednesday, 3/15: Book Club 1:30 PM, Finance 5:15 PM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Thursday, 3/16: Senior Stretch 11 AM, Bell Choir Rehearsal 3 PM

Friday, 3/17: **Deadline for the April Tide**, Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Sunday 3/19: UMCOR Sunday

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.



Holy Week Worship Services

April 2	April 7	April 9
Palm Sunday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
10 AM	12 PM Noon	10 AM

Three service cards are shown below the table:

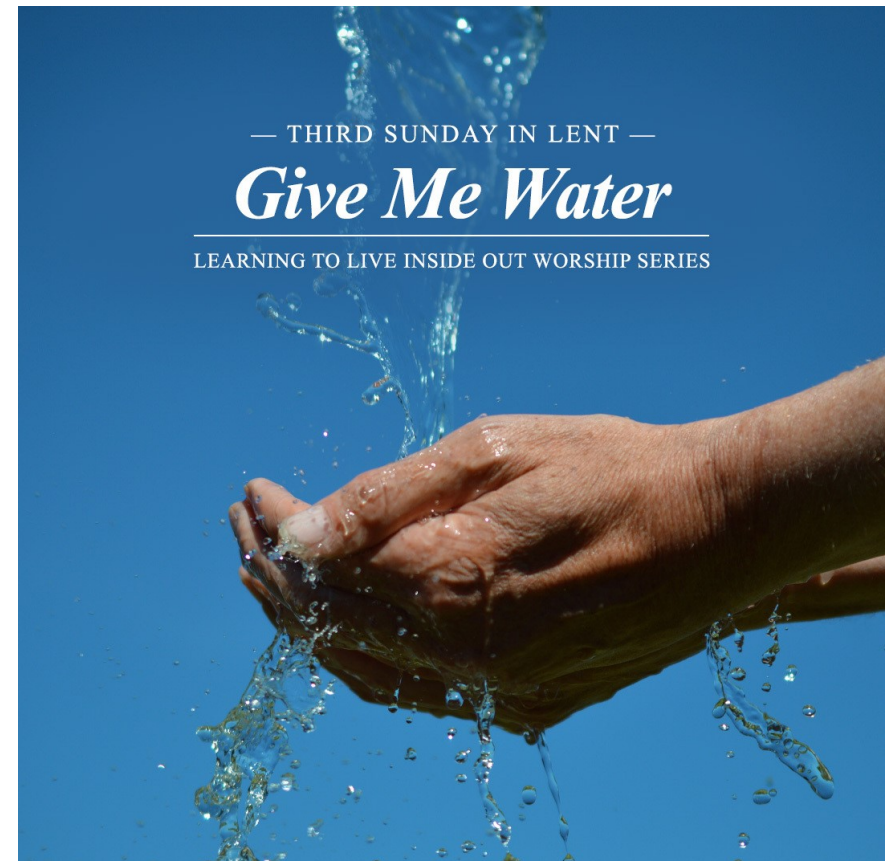
- Palm Sunday:** This is the Day (IN AWE OF GRACE WORSHIP SERIES)
- Good Friday:** Dancing in the Dark (IN AWE OF GRACE WORSHIP SERIES)
- Easter Sunday:** The End that Wasn't (IN AWE OF GRACE WORSHIP SERIES)

APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 12, 2023 ~ 10 AM Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

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

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

We are learning to follow Jesus.

The way is long, and we are thirsty.

We seek the living waters of Jesus.

We feel the weight of scarcity warring with hopeful whispers of abundance.

We need the living waters of Jesus.

We wonder if God will provide us with what we need, *here* and *now*.

As God gives us the living waters of Jesus, so God calls us to quench the thirst and meet the needs of our neighbors.

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Wellspring of eternal life, we come to you this day having drunk deeply the waters of anxiety and despair. Bring to us your living water. Quench our thirsting souls, for we offer this prayer in Your Name. Amen.

Hymn #641

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

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

John 4:5-42

Sermon

“Give Me Water”

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #2132

“You Who Are Thirsty”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

We are dry, Lord, like the pavement on a sweltering summer day. Our lives are heated, and the streams of our souls sometimes run dry. We catch our tears, but they cannot ease our thirst. We drip in sweat, but this cannot ease the heat. So we beg for only a few drops of refreshing rain to moisten the dryness in our world.

Offering

Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn #2126

“All Who Hunger”

Benediction

Postlude

John 4:5-42 NRSVUE

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I

may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

John 4:5-42 NRSVUE

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."