

**Today is Miracle Sunday.** This denomination-wide special offering helps establish sustainable support for theological education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines.

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

**Book Club meets this Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Youth Room.** This month's book is *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan. Anyone is invited to attend.

**Join us at the Pride Parade and Festival on Sunday, June 7!** Please consider signing up for a 2-hour shift helping at our booth. Sign up on the clipboard being passed around today.

**Thanks Today to:**

Our **Lay Leader:** Jillian Holmberg

Our **Liturgist:** Mike Sampson

Our **Usher:** Lee MacDonell

Our **Tech Team:** Carolyn Collins

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

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

**This Week:**

Monday, 5/18: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 5/19: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Wednesday, 5/20: Book Club 1:30 PM

Friday, 5/22: Scott Group 10 AM

**Coming Up:**

Monday, 5/25: **Memorial Day ~ Office Closed**

Saturday, 5/30: **Celebration of Life for Pharis Harvey 11 AM**

Sunday, 5/31: Peace with Justice 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](mailto: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.

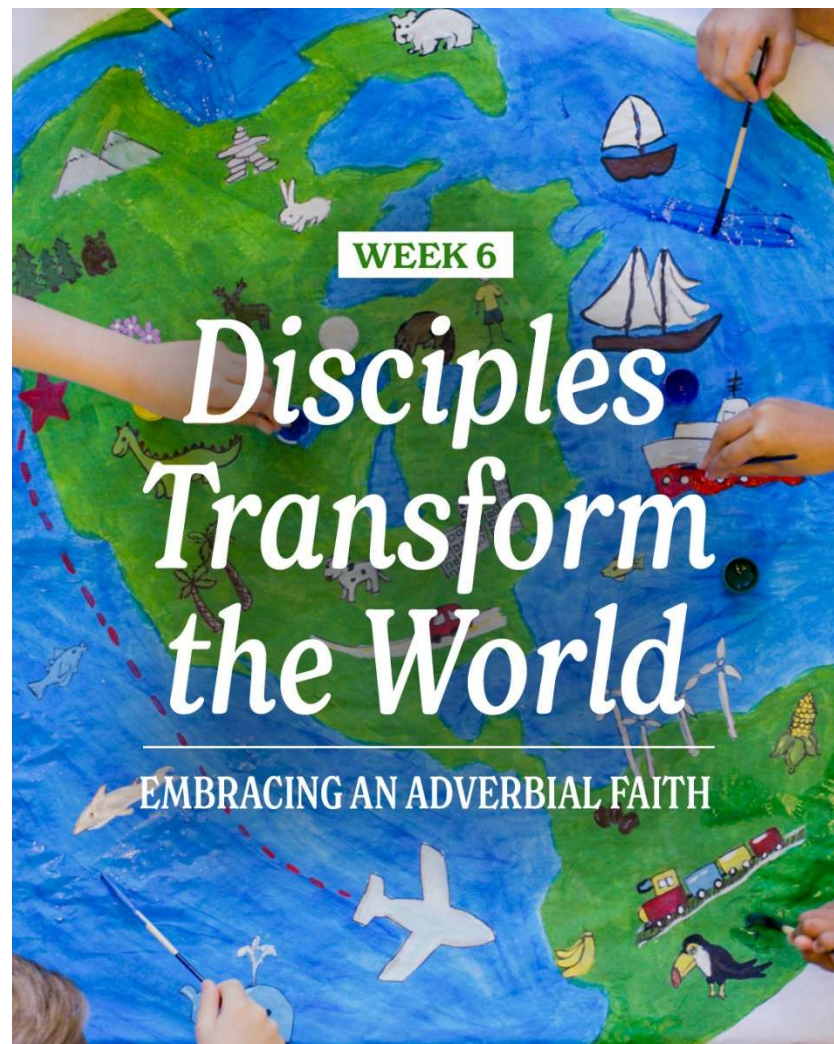
**Online giving is available.** Go to [aptosumc.org](http://aptosumc.org) and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or scan this code using your smartphone.



# APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 17, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter



**Rev. Helene Milner**

**Daniel Goldsmith, Music Director**

221 Thunderbird Drive, Aptos, CA 95003

831-688-2210 [aptosumc.org](http://aptosumc.org) [office@aptosumc.org](mailto:office@aptosumc.org)

Facebook: Aptos United Methodist Church YouTube: @aptosumc

## *Order of Worship*

### *Gathering Music*

#### *Call To Worship*

Family of God, who are you?

**We are disciples, formed by Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

Family of God, why do you gather?

**To worship God who loves us and teaches us to love our neighbors, ourselves, and all creation.**

Family of God, how do you worship God?

**By loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously.**

Family of God, receive this good news: in our loving, our serving, and our leading, we are not alone—God is with us!

**We come to worship God by loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously in our community and through our worldwide connections, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.**

### *Prelude*

#### *Opening Prayer*

**Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name. We come as living sacrifices, to offer You our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers. Come among us, living Lord. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may encounter Your presence, recognize Your voice, know Your will, and follow in Your way. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

### *Announcements*

#### *Opening Hymn #572*

**“Pass It On”**

### *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 28:16-20

#### *Sermon*

“Disciples Transform the World”

Rev. Helene Milner

#### *Hymn #571*

**“Go, Make of All Disciples”**

#### *Prayers of the People*

#### *Confession and Pardon*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that we may live as disciples who transform the world. Amen.**

#### *Passing of the Peace*

#### *Miracle Sunday Video Testimony*

#### *Offering*

#### *Doxology #94*

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow”**

#### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

#### *The Lord’s Prayer*

#### *Closing Hymn #2153*

**“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”**

#### *Benediction*

#### *Postlude*

## **Matthew 28:16-20 NRSVue**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."