

APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 16, 2025 ~ 10 AM Worship

Second 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"

Book Club meets this Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Youth Room. This month's book is *All the Beauty in the World* by Patrick Bringley.

Please plan to join us next Sunday after worship for a special coffee hour in honor of Clyde and Sheila Vaughn, as we wish them well on their new adventure.

Aptos UMC sends out a weekly email blast on Saturdays. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact the office at office@aptosumc.org and we will email you a sign up form.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Boyd Brown

Our **Usher:** Jillian Holmberg

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

Our **Coffee Volunteer:** Vicki Cull

The **Aptos UMC Choir** (*Bill Fennell, Cathy Grettum, Jillian Holmberg, Peggy Kaysen, Ruth Landmann, Lee MacDonell, Helene Milner, Dick Wood*) for our Special Music today!

This Week:

Tuesday, 3/18: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Wednesday, 3/19: Book Club 1:30 PM

Thursday, 3/20: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM

Friday, 3/21: **Tide Deadline**, Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Monday, 3/24: PACT 10 AM

Sunday, 3/30: UMCOR Sunday

~ *In Our Prayers This Week* ~

Pharis Harvey and the family and friends of Jane Harvey on her death on February 24.

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.



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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship

Children of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?

God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?

When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?

God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say?

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Because God knows our suffering, God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.

Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you. You are gentle with us as a mother with her children. You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds. In sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us. In your love and tenderness, remake us. In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #140

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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

Luke 13:31-35

Sermon

“Conceal Me”

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #2123 (v1,2,3,5)

“Loving Spirit”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

O God, whose loving knows no ending, still you long to gather us under your wings. For the words of hatred we have spoken and the words of love we have withheld, for the walls we have built up and the barriers we have refused to take down, for the greed that makes us frantic and the gifts we pass by without seeing, for what we have done and for what we have left undone, O God, forgive us and gather us under your wings of mercy. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Special Music

“*Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring*”

Choir
Johann Sebastian Bach

Offering

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn #133

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Benediction

Postlude

Luke 13:31-35 NRSVue

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "