

**The Tide Is In!** Paper copies of our August newsletter are available today. The latest edition is always available at [aptosumc.org](http://aptosumc.org).

**Senior Stretch** is on a summer break and will resume August 8.

**Thanks Today to:**

Our **Liturgist:** Ruth Landmann

Our **Usher:** Tammy Philbin

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

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Diane McElroy, Pat Files

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Joyce Rodgers in gratitude for the Blaney Group

**This Week:**

Monday, 7/29: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 7/30: Alive Now 10 AM

Thursday, 8/1: Upper Room Group 7 PM

Friday, 8/2: Scott Group 10 AM

**Coming Up:**

Wednesday, 8/7: Village Santa Cruz 1 PM

Saturday, 8/17: Hiroshi Goto Celebration of Life 10 AM

Saturday, 8/24: Red Cross Blood Drive 9 AM - 2 PM

**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.

**We are hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, August 24.**

Please help spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors. Details about giving blood and our volunteer needs can be found in the August Tide.

To schedule your blood donation, scan this QR code using your smartphone.



**Help save lives. Give blood.**

# APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**July 28, 2024 ~ 10 AM Worship**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*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"*



## Call to Confession

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## *Order of Worship*

### *Gathering Music*

#### *Call to Worship*

Children of God, you are welcome here. All of who you are—even your regrets and failings—is welcome here.

**We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.**

Many of us find it easy to recognize our goodness and difficult to notice our sins.

**We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.**

Others of us live under a shroud of guilt and shame, believing we can never be good enough to receive the fullness of God's love.

**We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.**

However you enter this place, know this: you are loved, accepted, and called. May God's love draw us to honest confession; God's acceptance assures us of the work of grace in our lives, and God's call compels us to live in grace.

**We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God who loves us, accepts us, and calls us. Amen.**

### *Prelude*

#### *Opening Prayer*

**Holy God, joy of the universe, it is your awesome love that brings us here. You awaken within us a loving response, which hungers and thirsts for your truth and beauty. As we worship you, please do not give us the blessings we want but the ones we most need. Satisfy us with the truth that we may need, though such truth might be most uncomfortable, and confront us with your holy beauty, that brings us healing. Through Christ Jesus your joyful Son. Amen!**

### *Announcements*

*Hymn #364*

**“Because He Lives”**

### *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*

2 Samuel 11:1-15

*Sermon*

“Call to Confession”

Pastor Gabe

*Hymn #367*

**“He Touched Me”**

### *Prayers of the People*

#### *Confession and Pardon*

**Merciful God, we hear the story of David and wonder how he could so abuse his power—serving his own interests in such a selfish way. How different from the way Jesus used his power—serving, healing, and nurturing others. Forgive us when our actions reflect those of David more than those of Jesus.**

**The account of David shows someone yielding to temptation by feeding his own particular hunger with disastrous results, whilst Jesus took time to feed the crowds with miraculous results. Forgive us the times when we have yielded to the temptation of feeding our own interests to the detriment of others around us.**

**We pray that we may be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit to witness to Jesus' love and compassion in and through all we do and say. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### *Passing of the Peace*

#### *Offering*

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

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

#### *The Lord's Prayer*

*Closing Hymn #2146*

**“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”**

### *Benediction*

### *Postlude*

## 2 Samuel 11:1-15 NRSVue

<sup>1</sup> In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> It happened, late one afternoon when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. <sup>3</sup> David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." <sup>4</sup> So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. <sup>5</sup> The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

<sup>6</sup> So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. <sup>7</sup> When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. <sup>9</sup> But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup> When they told David,

"Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" <sup>11</sup> Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." <sup>12</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, <sup>13</sup> David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk, and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

<sup>14</sup> In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. <sup>15</sup> In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."