

Articles for the June Tide are due. Please email your information to office@aptosumc.org.

Join us at the Pride Parade and Festival on June 2! Aptos UMC has a long and proud history of being present at the Santa Cruz Pride parade and festival. We will be sharing a booth with Trinity Presbyterian again this year. This is a sit-down job, and all you need to provide is a smile and welcoming attitude. Please contact Jana Daley if you can cover a shift between 11 AM and 4:30 PM.

Calling all Grads! If you, your child, or grandchild is graduating, we would like to recognize them in the June issue of The Tide. Please email your graduate's information to office@aptosumc.org.

The **Upper Room Group** is now meeting on Thursdays at 7 PM.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Marion Proffitt

Our **Usher:** Tammy Philbin

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

Our **Coffee Volunteer:** Jeanne Grimes

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Lee and Joe MacDonell in honor of their 25th anniversary

This Week:

Monday, 5/20: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 5/21: Alive Now 10 AM

Thursday, 5/23: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Friday, 5/24: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Sunday, 5/26: **Peace with Justice Sunday**

Monday, 5/27: **Memorial Day, Office Closed**

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.



APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 19, 2024 ~ 10 AM Worship

Day of 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"



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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

And in the last days it shall come to pass, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

And your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions.

When the Day of Pentecost had come, they were all gathered together in one place.

And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that you have poured out upon your children. Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth; through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn #328

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

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 Ezekiel 37:1-14 NRSVue

Sermon “These Bones Will Live” Pastor Gabe

Hymn #393 “Spirit of the Living God”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

We confess to you, Renewing Spirit, that we confuse unity with uniformity, and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means assimilating others to our way of living. We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person. We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not know how. Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. And empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Offering

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn #334 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Benediction

Postlude

Ezekiel 37:1-14 NRSVue

¹ The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath,

and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."