

APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 16, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



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Today we welcome Katherine Parker to Aptos UMC. Katherine is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. She is serving at the United Mission to Nepal as a Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, & Learning (MEAL) Advisor. Our church has been in a covenant relationship with Katherine for over 10 years, helping to financially support her work.

Book Club meets this Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Youth Room. This month's book is *Whistler* by Ann Patchett. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Elizabeth Joubert

Our **Usher:** Tammy Philbin

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

Our **Coffee Volunteer:** Paula LaHue

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Barbara Coy-Bulicz

This Week:

Tuesday, 8/18: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Wednesday, 8/19: Book Club 1:30 PM, Finance 5:15 PM

Friday, 8/21: **Tide Deadline**, Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Monday, 8/24: PACT 10 AM

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. *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 and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or scan this code using your smartphone.



Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship

Family of God, we gather today to unite our voices and our lives in praise to God!

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

We gather to celebrate how God binds us together to live, work, play, and rest as the Body of Christ!

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

We gather to remember how God has worked through us to share Christ's love with one another and our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

Family of God, today we come as diverse and unique members of the Body of Christ to learn and grow not in uniformity but in unity to love God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, you created each of us unique beings with differing strengths and weaknesses. Help us not only to use our strengths to assist others but also to allow others to use their strengths to meet our weaknesses. Fill us with your presence, invigorate our worship, and set us on fire, so that others might be drawn into your light and nurtured by the warmth of your loving care. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #547

“O Church of God, United”

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

Psalm 133

Sermon

Missionary Katherine Parker

Hymn #581

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we yearn to be a community of believers, united in your Spirit. And yet we are fraught with divisions: denominational, political, theological. We are weighed down by tensions and the things that break us apart. Forgive us for this great sin. Help us to learn to live in community together, loving one another, in spite of our differences, and respecting one another in everything that we do and say. Help us to be as you call us, one in heart and mind, through the grace of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn #2241

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

Benediction

Postlude

Psalm 133 NRSVue

- ¹ How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
- ² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.