

The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Closing Hymn #572

Benediction

Postlude

“Pass It On”

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Today's special offering supports the work of Missionary Katherine Parker. Our church has been in a covenant with Katherine for the past 11 years, and our goal is to contribute \$1,000 each year. Katherine works for the United Mission to Nepal, a multi-denominational outreach that includes the Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

The Tide Is In! Paper copies of our February newsletter are available today. The latest edition is always available at aptosumc.org.

If you would like to participate in our **Valentine's Day Potluck** on Friday, February 14, please sign up today.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Jeff Favorite

Our **Usher:** Peggy Kaysen

Our **Tech Team:** Carolyn Collins

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Tamer Abbas, Diane McElroy

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Kate Sutherland

This Week:

Tuesday, 2/4: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Wednesday, 2/5: Village Santa Cruz 1 PM

Thursday, 2/6: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM

Friday, 2/7: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Monday, 2/10: PACT 10 AM

Friday, 2/14: **Valentine's Day Potluck 4 PM**

~ *In Our Prayers This Week* ~

Bill, Jana, and David Daley on the death of Bill's father.

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

February 2, 2025 ~ 10 AM Worship

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.

We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, in a cynical and despairing world, give us a voice to proclaim your hope.

In a violent and angry world, give us a voice to proclaim your peace.

In a dismissive and disinterested world, give us a voice to proclaim your compassion.

In a lonely and inhospitable world, give us a voice to proclaim your love.

And in a grieving and weeping world, give us a voice to proclaim your joy.

May we be so captivated by your hope, that we cannot help but to whisper, to sing, and to enact, the message of your reign which is always coming into our world;

And may our lives be channels of your restoring grace wherever we may go. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #585

"This Little Light of Mine"

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 4:21-30

Sermon "In Your Hometown" Pastor Gabe

Hymn #593 "Here I Am, Lord"

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, you share with us words of hope, words of Good News, but sometimes, we are unable to hear them because the source is too familiar. You call us to share the Good News with those around us, but sometimes we are unable to share, because the people know us too well. You encourage us to send messengers to other places where they will be heard better, but we can be jealous, wanting the Good News to be for us, not them.

In a multitude of ways, we have left the path of true wisdom, and we call upon your Grace to lead us back on track. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Offering

Doxology #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right... ...with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you... ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here... ...now and for ever. Amen.



Luke 4:21-30 NRSVue

²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.