

**Next Sunday is our Potluck Harvest Pizza Party!** We will celebrate the harvesting of the vegetables and spices grown within our community garden and enjoy similar ones on the pizzas presented that day. We will be serving both vegetarian and vegetable and meat pizzas. Please sign up for the potluck on the clipboard being passed today.

**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 aptosumc.org and we will email you a sign up form.

**Thanks Today to:**

Our **Liturgist:** Marion Proffitt

Our **Usher:** Margie Jurach

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

Our **Coffee Volunteer:** Debbie Mason

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Debbie and Marty Mason

**This Week:**

Monday, 9/9: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 9/10: Alive Now 10 AM

Thursday, 9/12: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Friday, 9/13: Scott Group 10 AM

**Coming Up:**

Sunday, 9/15: Potluck Harvest Pizza Party 11:15 AM

Wednesday, 9/18: Book Club 1:30 PM (*The Women* by Kristin Hannah)

**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.

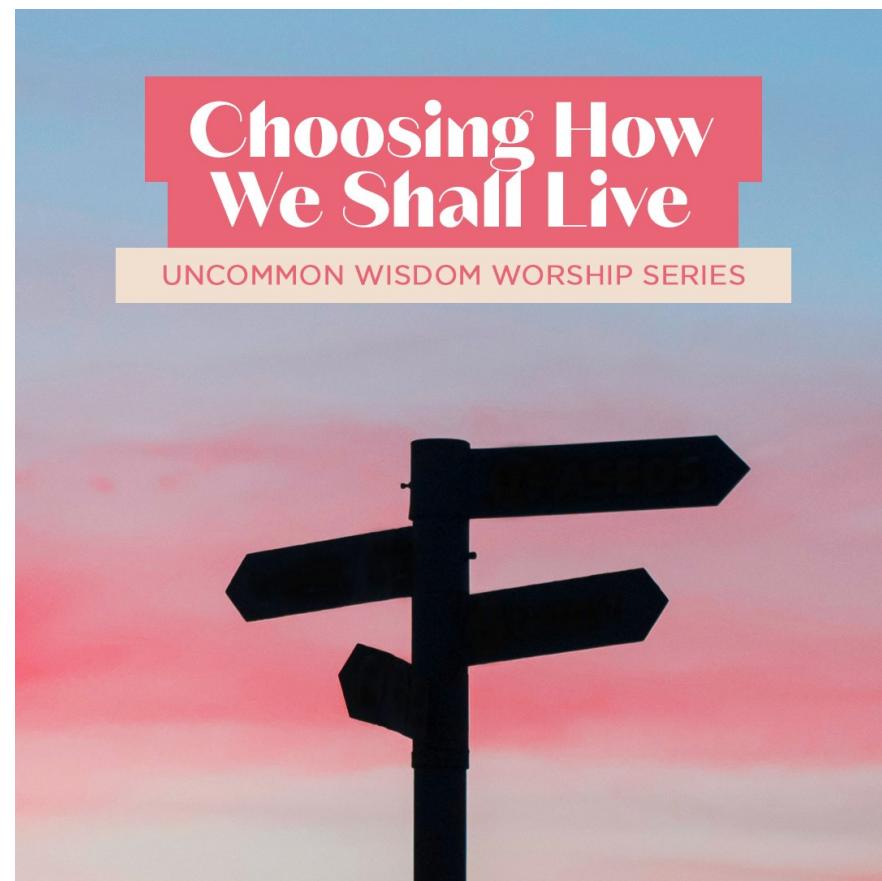


# APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**September 8, 2024 ~ 10 AM Worship**

**Sixteenth 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"*



## Choosing How We Shall Live

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## *Order of Worship*

### *Gathering Music*

#### *Call to Worship*

Welcome, Beloved! Why have you gathered today?

**We have come to worship God, who is the maker of us all!**

What do you seek from God, our Creator?

**We seek God's wisdom to guide us and show us how to live.**

Are you ready to follow when God's wisdom leads down unexpected paths?

**We will trust, and we will follow wherever God's wisdom leads us.**

Well then, Beloved of God, what are you waiting for?

**Come! Let us worship and seek God's uncommon wisdom together! Amen.**

### *Prelude*

#### *Opening Prayer*

**O Lord, let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places. Amen.**

### *Announcements*

*Hymn #581 (v1,3) "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"*

### *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* Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

*Sermon* "Choosing How We Shall Live" Pastor Gabe

*Hymn #2152* "Change My Heart, O God"

### *Prayers of the People*

#### *Confession and Pardon*

**Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well. Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace. Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need. Make us aware of those outside our own communities, that we may see them as your precious children and serve them in humility and joy. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of the great Servant, even Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### *Passing of the Peace*

#### *Offering*

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

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

#### *The Lord's Prayer*

*Hymn #581 (v2,4) "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"*

### *Benediction*

### *Postlude*

## **Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 NRSVue**

<sup>1</sup> A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,

and favor is better than silver or gold.

<sup>2</sup> The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the LORD is the maker of them all.

<sup>8</sup> Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

<sup>9</sup> Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

<sup>22</sup> Do not rob the poor because they are poor  
or crush the afflicted at the gate,

<sup>23</sup> for the LORD pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.