

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



Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Susan Weeks

Our **Ushers:** Jane and Steve Green

Our **Tech Team:** Carolyn Collins

Our **Coffee Volunteer:** Jeanne Grimes

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Sally Hicks

Special thanks to the **Mixed Quartet** (*Helene Milner, Peggy Kaysen, Bill Fennell, Dick Wood*) for sharing their talents with us today!

This Week:

Monday, 2/9: PACT 10 AM

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

Thursday, 2/12: Senior Stretch 9:30 AM

Friday, 2/13: Scott Group 10 AM

Saturday, 2/14: **Valentine's Day Potluck 3:30 PM**

Coming Up:

Monday, 2/16: Presidents' Day ~ Office Closed

Wednesday, 2/18: **Ash Wednesday**, Book Club 1:30 PM (*How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood), Finance 5:15 PM

Friday, 2/20: **9th Annual Great Chili Cook-Off 6 PM**

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.*

Online giving is available. Go to aptosumc.org and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or scan this code using your smartphone.



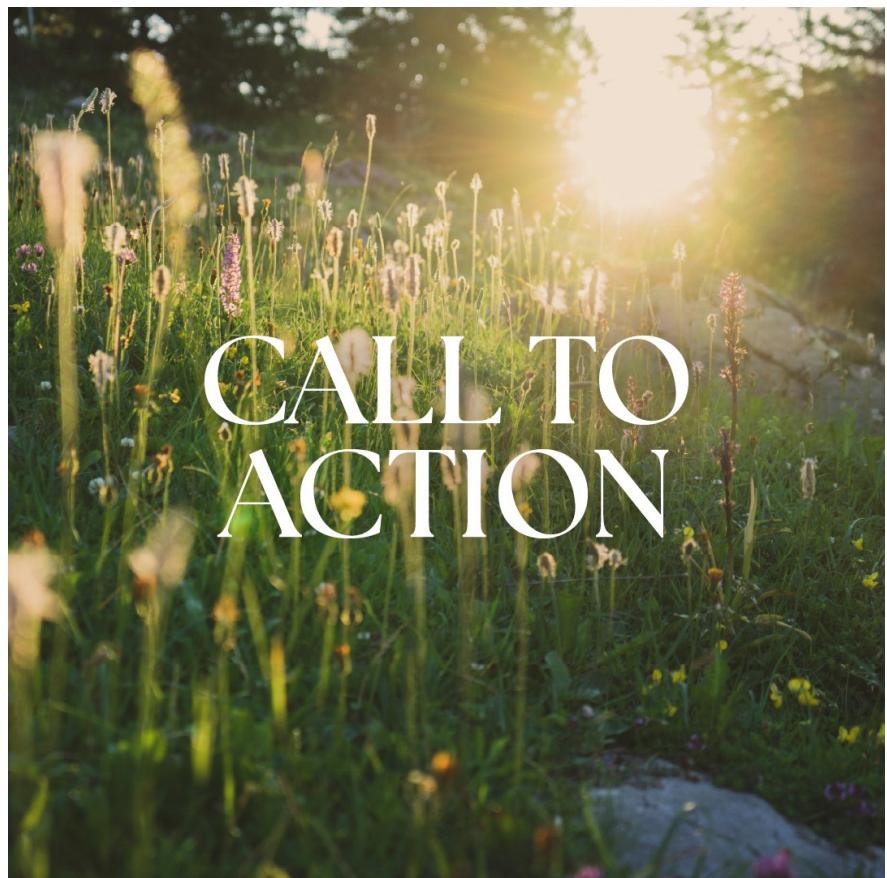
You are invited to join our Prayer Team. The Prayer Team receives a weekly email with prayer requests. To join the Prayer Team or submit a prayer request, contact the church office.

APOTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 8, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship

Fifth 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

People of God, why are you here?

We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.

People of God, who do you worship?

We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.

People of God, how do you worship?

We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.

People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

God of compassion and justice, the worship you choose for us is to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless poor. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your healing shall spring up quickly. So, in praise and wonder, we come to worship you not just with our words but with our hearts and our lives. Glory and honor be to you, O God, Creator of a new heaven and a new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #2234

“Lead On, O Cloud of Presence”

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

Isaiah 58:1-12

Sermon

“Call to Action”

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #2237

“As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Special Music

“Walk with Me”

Mixed Quartet
arr. Jack Schrader

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

Isaiah 58:1-12 NRSVue

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

 Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
 to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
 and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced
righteousness

 and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
 they want God on their side.

³ "Why do we fast, but you do not see?

 Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
 and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
 and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
 will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
 a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
 and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
 a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
 to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,
 and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
 the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
 you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I
am."

If you remove the yoke from among you,
 the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
 and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
 and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
 and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
 and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
 whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
 you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
 the restorer of streets to live in.