

**Book Club meets this Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Youth Room.** This month's book is *The One in a Million Boy* by Monica Wood. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Thanks Today to:**

Our **Liturgist:** Jeff Favorite

Our **Usher:** Jillian Holmberg

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

Our **Coffee Volunteer:** Vicki Cull

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Jillian Holmberg

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

**This Week:**

Monday, 6/15: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 6/16: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Wednesday, 6/17: Book Club 1:30 PM, Finance 5:15 PM

Friday, 6/19: **Tide Deadline**, Scott Group 10 AM

**Coming Up:**

Sunday, 6/21: Father's Day, **Annual Conference Special Offering**

Friday, 6/26-Monday, 6/29: CA-NV Annual Conference Session

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**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.

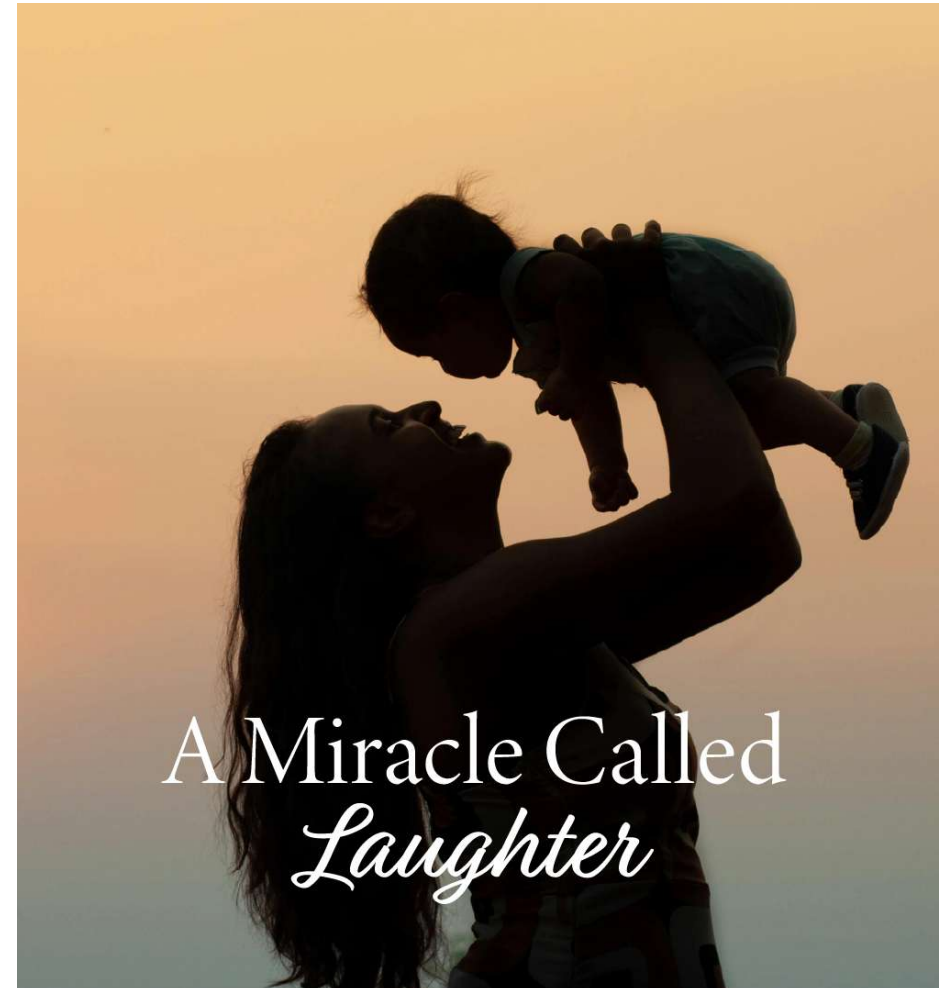
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# APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 14, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship

Third Sunday after Pentecost



A Miracle Called  
*Laughter*

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## *Order of Worship*

### *Gathering Music*

#### *Call To Worship*

God meets us in surprising yet ordinary places—under a tree, in the smile of a stranger, in a refreshing breeze that comes at just the right time.

**God, open our hearts to notice your presence all around us.**

God speaks to us in surprising yet ordinary ways—in a well-placed word from a friend, in a prayer that comes at just the right time, in a song that resonates through our entire being.

**God, open our minds to recognize your voice all around us.**

God fulfills God's promises in surprising yet ordinary ways—in an unexpected act of kindness, in providing just what we need at just the right time, in sending someone to listen when we feel alone.

**God, open our hands to receive your blessings all around us.**

Beloved, in the surprising and ordinary ways that God shows up among us, may we meet God and our neighbors with open hearts, minds, and hands, ready to encounter God's miraculous work.

**God, open our lives to receive your blessings, that we may share together in the joy, wonder, and laughter of God's miraculous works all around us. Amen.**

### *Prelude*

#### *Opening Prayer*

**God, as you met Abraham in an ordinary moment of hospitality, meet us today in the ordinary moments of our lives. Open our minds to recognize your presence among us; open our hearts to receive your promises; open our arms to embrace your miraculous works with joy, wonder, and laughter. As we gather to worship, help us find the courage to hope, the wisdom to trust, and the perseverance to cooperate with you as you fulfill our promises as you work for abundant life for all creation. Amen.**

### *Announcements*

*Opening Hymn #139*            **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

### *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*                      Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

*Sermon*                      “A Miracle Called Laughter”            Pastor Gabe

*Hymn #140*                      **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

### *Prayers of the People*

#### *Confession and Pardon*

**Gracious God, you reached into Abraham and Sarah's lives and asked them to dream the impossible dream—that you would transform what appears to have been a barren and lifeless situation into one overflowing with promise and hope—and, through faith in you, they believed your promises. Forgive us, O God, if we never get beyond thinking of your call on our lives as an impossible dream or even as an unwelcome interruption. Help us when we hesitate, and strengthen us when we are weak. Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds—our lives—so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us. Amen.**

### *Passing of the Peace*

*Special Music*                      Mixed Quartet  
“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”            arr. Lloyd Larson

### *Offering*

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

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

### *The Lord's Prayer*

*Closing Hymn #2040*                      **“Awesome God”**

### *Benediction*

### *Postlude*

## **Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 NRSVue**

**18** The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10</sup> Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind

him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" <sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup> Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

**21** The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup> Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup> Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup> And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup> Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup> Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." <sup>7</sup> And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."