

The Tide is in! Copies of the May newsletter are available today. The latest edition is always available at aptosumc.org.

Today is United Methodist Student Day. United Methodist Student Day celebrates the value of education. Contributions received through this Special Sunday support scholarships for United Methodist students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. Thanks to your generosity, we can support students as they take the next step in their educational journey, opening doors to new opportunities and brighter futures.

Join us at the Pride Parade and Festival on Sunday, June 7! Please consider signing up for a 2-hour shift helping at our booth. This is a sit-down job, and all you need to provide is a smile and welcoming attitude. Sign up on the clipboard being passed around today.



Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Boyd Brown

Our **Usher:** Lee and Joe MacDonell

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

Our **Coffee Volunteer:** Jeanne Grimes

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

This Week:

Monday, 5/4: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 5/5: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Wednesday, 5/6: Village Santa Cruz 1 PM

Friday, 5/8: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Sunday, 5/10: **Mother's Day**

Sunday, 5/17: **Miracle Sunday**

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.



APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 3, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship

Family of God, we gather to join our voices with all creation:

Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

God is our Creator who loves us and cares for us.

Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

God is our Savior who redeems us and teaches us to boldly love one another as God loves us.

Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

God is our Advocate who sustains us and empowers us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

We come to worship God by boldly loving and joyfully serving, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

We worship you, O God, with joyful noise—with words of praise and adoration spoken and sung in the name of Jesus who brought your love song to us in person. You put new words in our mouths and new intentions in our hearts, especially a new understanding of power.

Power shaped by love and righteousness, justice and mercy. We now know that power is not to be used to exploit or dominate, but to serve others as willingly as Jesus did. His life and death demonstrated how the love of power could be transformed by the power of love. We gather here today to celebrate your rule of love in our hearts as we experience it in Jesus and through the enabling gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #89

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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

1 Peter 4:8-11

Sermon

“Serve Joyfully”

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #2175

“Together We Serve”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Loving God, too often, we overlook the needs of people around us while we proclaim our devotion to you. We could do so much more to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, and heal the sick. We fail to recognize how our prison system diminishes the humanity of all of us, how our medical system denies healing to the poor, how poverty leaves children without coats, how legal obstacles keep the strangers at a distance. Open our hearts to recognize your presence in every person, and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly called by your name. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Miracle Sunday Video Testimony

Offering

Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessing 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.

The Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion

Closing Hymn #2241

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

Benediction

Postlude

1 Peter 4:8-11 NRSVue

⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹ Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.