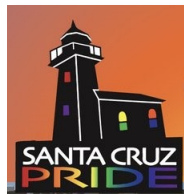


Join us at the Pride Parade and Festival!

Aptos UMC has a long and proud history of being present at the Santa Cruz Pride parade and festival. This year the festival takes place next **Sunday, June 4**. We will be sharing a booth with Trinity Presbyterian Church again this year. *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. Many of the parade goers have had a negative experience with religion, being told they are wrong, evil, or worse. This is an opportunity to show people that God loves EVERYONE, regardless of race, creed, or sexual orientation. To show them who WE are. Please contact Jana Daley if you can cover a shift between 11 AM and 4:30 PM.



Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Joyce Rodgers

Our **Ushers:** Steve & Jane Green

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

Our **Coffee Volunteer:** Jane Green

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Keri Swenson in memory of her mom Joyce Quinn

This Week:

Monday, 5/29: **Memorial Day - Office Closed**

Tuesday, 5/30: Alive Now 10 AM, Habitat for Humanity sack lunches 11:15 AM

Wednesday, 5/31: Upper Room Group 7 PM

Thursday, 6/1: Senior Stretch 11 AM

Friday, 6/2: Scott Group 10 AM

Coming Up:

Sunday, 6/4: **Peace with Justice Sunday**, Pride Parade and Festival

Monday, 6/5: PACT 10 AM

Wednesday, 6/7: Village Santa Cruz County 1 PM

Sunday, 6/11: Annual Conference Special Offering

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.

APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 28, 2023 ~ 10 AM Worship

Pentecost Sunday

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"



PENTECOST SUNDAY

He Breathed on Them

WHEN GOD CAME DOWN LIKE FIRE WORSHIP SERIES

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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

Like the disciples, we gather in this space, united by our relationship with the Risen Christ.

We come ready to receive what God has to give.

Just as tongues of fire descended on the disciples,

We receive the gift of the Spirit's power and inspiration.

Just as the resurrected Christ breathed the Spirit onto the disciples,

We receive the gift of the Spirit's peace and wisdom.

As the lifegiving and peacemaking Holy Spirit blazes through us today,

We receive the gift of the Spirit's fire that unites us as the Body of Christ.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all. Open your hand to us, O God, giver of good things. Do not hide your face from us. Should you remove your Spirit from us, we shall surely return to the dust. Send forth your Spirit in this worship service today and let us be re-created. Renew us, O God, with your spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn #328 "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

Passing of the Peace

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 Acts 2:1-21

Sermon "He Breathed on Them" Pastor Gabe

Hymn #334 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Almighty God, who sent the promised Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: We confess that we resist the work of your Spirit among us, that we are slow to serve you and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions and by your Spirit draw us together. Create in us a desire to do your will and be your faithful people for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn #2241 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

Benediction

Postlude

Acts 2:1-21 NRSVUE

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does

this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'