

Today is our Annual Conference Special Offering. Our gifts will be split between the three offering opportunities at this year's Annual Conference Session: *Fred Finch Youth and Family Services*, a 501(c)3 tax-exempt non-profit organization that strives to partner with people and communities to provide culturally responsive services that cultivate mental and physical resiliency and wellness, *Necessitous Fund* which helps retired clergy with unexpected expenses, and *Ministerial Education Fund* which provides vitally needed scholarships through annual conferences. Today is the deadline for contributions (in person or online) so that our lay members to Annual Conference can present our offerings in person.

Articles for the July issue of the Tide are due. Please email your information to office@aptosumc.org.

Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Greg Phipps

Our **Usher:** Rachél Lather

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

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Debbie and Marty Mason

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Beth Hinton

Special thanks to the **Choir** (*Dick Wood, Bill Fennell, Helene Milner, Jillian Holmberg, Ruth Landmann, Peggy Kaysen, Lee MacDonell, Pastor Gabe, Laurel Blaney*) for sharing their talents with us today!

This Week:

Tuesday, 6/23: Alive Now 10 AM, Upper Room Group 7 PM

Friday, 6/26: Scott Group 10 AM

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

Coming Up:

Monday, 6/29: PACT 10 AM

Wednesday, 7/1: Village Santa Cruz 1 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.*

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.

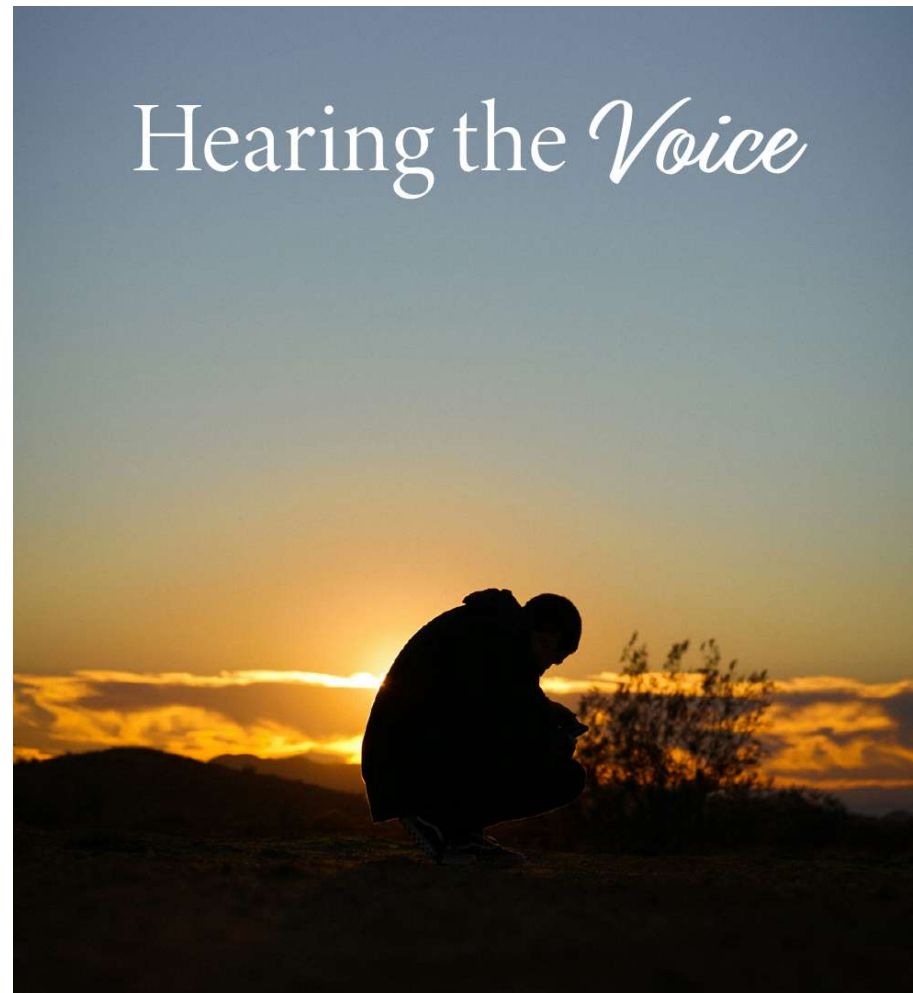
Online giving is available. Go to aptosumc.org and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or scan this code using your smartphone.



APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 21, 2026 ~ 10 AM Worship
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Hearing the *Voice*



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Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Call To Worship

When we feel abandoned and alone, unable to find a way out of the wilderness that surrounds, we cry out to God...

And God listens to us.

When we feel discouraged and defeated, unsure we will ever really be able to make ends meet and worried that no matter how hard we work, it will never be enough, we cry out to God...

And God listens to us.

When we feel lost and forgotten, unable to find the words for the grief, isolation, and despair that we feel, our hearts cry out to God...

And God pays attention to us.

As we gather in this place and time, remember: You are not alone. God knows where you are, and God listens to the cries of our hearts.

May we also listen to one another as God guides us toward the cool, refreshing waters we need to continue on our journey as the family of God. Amen.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name. Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love, granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely, endurance to those who care for sick family members, and wisdom to those in fearful times of change. We thank you for the gifts of love we have received from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion. As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love. Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Announcements

Opening Hymn #144

“This Is My Father’s World”

Father’s Day Blessing

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 21:8-21

Sermon

“Hearing the Voice”

Pastor Gabe

Hymn #2193

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life: Hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with You. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Special Music

“Jazz Cantate”

Choir
by Andy Beck

Offering

Doxology #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn #2146

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Benediction

Postlude

Genesis 21:8-21 NRSVue

⁸ The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹ The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³ As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot,

for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.