

## Stewardship Pledge Campaign

Our Stewardship Pledge Campaign continues through October 16. Church members and constituents are encouraged to pledge to financially support Aptos UMC in 2023. Pledges form the financial base upon which the church operates and sets its financial priorities.



Each of us has our reasons for gifting Aptos UMC with our time and money. The finance team is asking you to share what it is that touches your heart about being a part of our church by answering "I give to the church because...". Replies will be shared anonymously. Pledge cards and *I give because* response cards are available today.

## Thanks Today to:

Our **Liturgist:** Jeff Favorite

Our **Ushers:** Lee MacDonell, Margie Jurach

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

Our **Altar Flowers:** Given by Hiroko Goto

Our **Coffee Volunteers:** Margie Jurach, Diane McElroy

## This Week:

Monday, 9/26: PACT 10 AM

Tuesday, 9/27: Alive Now 10 AM

Wednesday, 9/28: Upper Room Group 7 PM

Thursday, 9/29: Holiday Boutique Planning Meeting 10 AM,  
Senior Exercise Class 11 AM, Bell Choir  
Rehearsal 3 PM, Choir Rehearsal 7 PM

Friday, 9/30: Scott Group 10 AM

Sunday, 10/2: **World Communion Sunday**, Worship 10 AM,  
Blaney Group 11:15 AM

## Coming Up:

Sunday, 10/16: Pledge Dedication Sunday

**Online giving** is available. Go to [aptosumc.org](http://aptosumc.org) and click on the 'GIVE NOW' button, or scan this code using your smartphone camera or a QR code reader app. An account is not needed to give online.



~ *In Our Prayers This Week* ~

Forrest Willcox **Homebound:** Jane Harvey, Rich and DeAnne Hart,  
LaVern Radeleff

# APTOS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 25, 2022 ~ 10 AM Worship

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

*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"**

## Gulf is Crossed

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HAVING WORDS WITH JESUS  
WORSHIP SERIES



**Gabe House, Pastor**

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## *Order of Worship*

*Gathering Music*

*Sermon*

“Gulf is Crossed”

Pastor Gabe

*Call to Worship*

**810 Psalm 91**

*Hymn #369*

“Blessed Assurance”

*Prelude*

*Concerns and Prayers*

*Announcements*

*Confession and Pardon*

*Passing of the Peace*

**Triune God, you call us to trust you in every circumstance of our lives, yet far too often, we do not. In times of oppression and strife, we lose hope in our future. Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care. Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear. Turn our hearts to you, that we may taste fullness of life and trust your promised salvation. Amen.**

*Opening Prayer*

**Almighty God, in you we place our trust. When we suffer setback and loss, you restore us through your love. When our lives prosper and we are comfortable, you move us to share our blessings with others. In love and trust, we live the power of your resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Offering*

*Stewardship Moment*

Steve Green

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

*Hymn #374*

“Standing on the Promises”

*Prayer of Dedication*

*Children’s Time*

*The Lord’s Prayer*

*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.**

*Closing Hymn #2146*

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

*Scripture*

Luke 16:19-31

*Postlude*

# Psalm 91

Response:

***Grant us salvation, Lord;  
in trouble be our refuge.***

<sup>1</sup> Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

<sup>2</sup> will say to the LORD,

**“My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust.”**

<sup>3</sup> For the Lord will deliver you from the snare of the  
fowler

and from the deadly pestilence;

<sup>4</sup> and will cover you with his pinions,

**under the Lord’s wings you will find a refuge.  
God’s faithfulness is a shield and buckler. R**

***Grant us salvation, Lord;  
in trouble be our refuge.***

<sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of the night  
nor the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup> **nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

<sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

<sup>8</sup> **You will only look with your eyes  
and see the recompense of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup> **no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent. R**

***Grant us salvation, Lord;  
in trouble be our refuge.***

<sup>11</sup> For God will give his angels charge over you  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> **They will bear you up on their hands  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup> **You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will  
trample under foot.**

<sup>14</sup> Because they cleave to me in love, I will deliver  
them;

**I will protect them, because they know my  
name.**

<sup>15</sup> When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honor them.

<sup>16</sup> **I will satisfy them with long life  
and show them my salvation. R**

***Grant us salvation, Lord;  
in trouble be our refuge.***

## Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn

them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”